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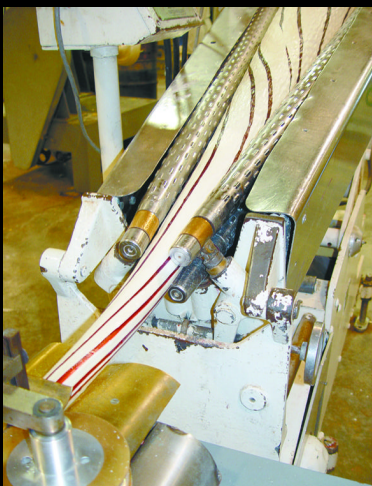
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Yes, Virginia, peppermint sticks are made in Louisiana



Dumas Candy Company in Delhi produces more than a million pounds of candy annually under the Scotty's, Dumas, Deep South and Dixie's Best labels.

Delhi candy company makes traditional holiday treat year round

Pralines are probably the holiday treat that comes to mind when Louisiana natives think of seasonal candies. Not much thought is given to the common peppermint stick, that red and white striped candy so ubiquitous that it can be bought at any grocery store 365 days a year. In fact, most people don't have a clue where peppermint treats are manufactured. The whimsical will say, "Peppermint candy comes from the North Pole," while the smart-aleck sniffs, "Oh, it comes from the candy factory!"

Not to dishearten the whimsical, but peppermint candy does indeed come from the candy factory. About a million pounds a year are cooked, cooled, kneaded, stretched, cut, packaged and shipped at the Dumas Candy Company in Richland Parish's tiny Delhi community.

David Johnson, the 62-year-old owner of Dumas Candy Company, bought the candy concern from H.E. Dumas in 1986. He operated it from its El Dorado, Ark. location for four years before growth and space limitations forced him to bring it to Delhi.

"The company started as the El Dorado Candy Company in the '30s, but it closed during World War II because it couldn't get the sugar," said

Johnson. "But it was reopened in 1948 under the Dumas name."

Johnson was acutely aware of how well peppermint candy sold from his days as a buyer for grocery distributor Malone and Hyde. But it was a visionary act of faith to buy a candy company that only manufactured a small amount of product.

"Back then, it was a three person operation and we only made about 50,000 pounds of candy a year, but I knew what it was capable of doing and that there was a lot of business out there to be had," Johnson recounted. "I hired Mr. Dumas' brother-in-law to come and teach us how to make candy. Now we make more than a million pounds a year, but it's taken 18 years to get to that."

At first the entire process was done by hand. "It was all rolled and sized by hand," he said. "We would size it with a pair of gloves. I decided there had to be a better way, so I started looking around and found an old stick making machine in Selma, Ala. Later, I added a cooling conveyor to cool the sticks as they came off the stick maker."

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The candy-making process: Ike Gaines and Willie Cooper (from top left) pour peppermint sugar candy onto cooling table. Dumas Candy Co.'s owner David Johnson kneads a batch on the pulling machine. Jack Windham and Cooper apply red stripes to the giant peppermint stick. A batch roller stretches the large ball to one-inch diameter. Candy bits (from top right) roll down the cooling conveyor where Pat Holmes watches over the wrapping machine. Brenda Pittman places long peppermint sticks into a tray before they are wrapped and shipped.

Sugar + Pecans = Pralines

From the little-kitchen-that-could in Carencro, Nanny's traditional and chewy praline business has grown from 10 small, local accounts in the late 1980s to 12 Wal-Mart stores and 400 Cracker Barrel restaurants across the south.



No holiday season in Louisiana would be complete without the dynamic combination of two of our historic agricultural staples, cane sugar and pecans, served in the form of pralines.

Although many think pralines were invented in New Orleans, they were actually first made in France by the chef of nobleman Cesar du Plessis-Praslin (pronounced prah-lin), who originally made the sugar confection with almonds. The candy treat immigrated to Louisiana plantations in the 18th century and soon Creole women supplemented their income by selling them from baskets in the streets of the Crescent City. The almonds were replaced with more readily available pecans.

Like the New Orleans street vendors of old, Renee and Eddie Gary started Nanny's Candy Company in 1987 with the idea of supplementing their income so Renee could be a stay-at-home mom to their three

children. They make one product: pralines.

Renee began the business by cooking batches of the delicious confection from the tiny kitchen of their 1929-vintage country home in Carencro using an old family recipe. She was a one-woman confectioner, marketer and delivery person.

"I've always made pralines and everyone has always said that they were really good," Renee said. But the couple is quick to credit the New Orleans praline confectioners for ideas and inspiration.

"It was just me and Ed doing all the cooking, packing and sales by hand," Renee reminisced. "We used to go to New Orleans and ogle the vendors at the French Quarter Market making pralines with their nice kettles and agitators. We couldn't afford that kind of equipment at the time, but Ed kind of invented our own small version of the big equipment that enabled us to make more without all the arm power stirring the pot."

The Gary's children accompanied Renee every step of the way during the early years of Nanny's Candy Company.

"When the kids were little, I made all the deliveries to our 10 local accounts. My mother would ride with me and I'd have three children's car seats in the back," Renee said. "One day when I went to one of my accounts, they all had these big smiles on their faces.

They handed me one praline with little bitty tiny teeth marks on it and it was perfectly wrapped. One of the kids had snuck a praline and didn't want to get caught with it so they put it back on the shelf!"

By early 1995 the business had grown so much that Eddie was able to quit his oilfield job. The kids had grown, too, which allowed the Garys more time and freedom to get into the business full time.

The Garys quickly outgrew the tiny home kitchen, and in 1990, moved a 560-square-foot building next to their Carencro home. A few years later, they added another 640 square feet to the kitchen/factory that now houses two automatic cooking kettles, several cooling racks, a conveyor belt wrapping machine and warehouse storage. Renee and Eddie bought a new home in Opelousas in 1996, but the old house is still used as an office and during the holidays, a retail space.

During the holiday season, the front room of the house becomes a gift shop equipped with a variety of seasonal ceramics, gift items, pretty paper, colorful gift baskets and, of course, Nanny's Pralines.

Customers can come in and order gift baskets, which Renee assembles in an adjoining room.

Inside the candy factory, the wonderful aroma of cooked sugar fills the air as three full-time employees supervise the process. Midway through the automatic stirring



Eddie Gary, owner of Nanny's Candy Company in Carencro, assembles a holiday gift basket filled with Nanny's Pralines. Nanny's ships its pralines nationally and internationally.

process shelled Louisiana pecans are added. "We use topper halves pecans, the small ones, because they taste better," said Eddie.

"We make about 5,000 units a day, but in November and December things really get crazy around here," Eddie said. "We have the capability to triple our production and we do about 30 percent of our annual business during the holiday season."

"It's a great time," said Eddie. "I think we work on adrenalin during that time. It's non-stop. The phone rings constantly."

Eddie said Nanny's Candy Company has plenty of clients including 400 Cracker Barrel restaurants, two gift shop compa-

nies in New Orleans' Louis Armstrong International Airport and 12 Wal-Mart stores.

The secret to success is hard work, a good business plan and a superior product but sometimes an act of serendipity can help out as well, Eddie said.

"Renee was buying a bunch of baskets at the Wal-Mart in Marksville when the store manager asked her why she was buying so many. She told him she used the baskets as marketing displays for our pralines. He said to bring some to his store. They caught on and now we have several Wal-Mart accounts," Eddie said.

The Wal-Mart account underscored the need for a better merchandising container and the Gary's, along with paper manufacturers, designed a custom cardboard box that could be used as shippers and counter display units. Their regular pralines and the chewy pralines are often featured prominently on truck stop check-outs and convenience store candy racks throughout the southern states. They have one full-time driver handling their local accounts and seven independent distributors marketing the product regionally. The regular praline retails for \$1.69 and the chewy for 89 cents.

Despite their growth, the quality of their praline product has not suffered.

"So many of our customers say that your pralines are as good as my grandmother made," Eddie said. "I guess so many people comment on that because it's not really a commercialized product."

Reflecting back to the reason why they started the business, Renee summed up the entire process.

"It really still is a family business because our kids have been stuck in it since the beginning," she said. "And I think they're really proud of us. We've come a long way."



Louisiana pecan topper halves are used in making Nanny's Pralines (left, counterclockwise). Eldridge Green raises the mixer out of a batch of praline mix. Eddie Gary, Byron Green and Eldridge Green scoop servings of pralines onto wax paper. Eddie Gary places a tray of freshly-cooked pralines onto a cooling rack. Nanny's Candy Company can produce 15,000 individual pralines a day during the busy holiday season. Nanny's Pralines are on retail shelves throughout Louisiana and the South.



Agriculture & Forestry Today with Commissioner Bob Odom

For the second consecutive year, Louisiana crawfish processors who filed an anti-dumping petition in 1996 will receive funds from tariffs on Chinese crawfish tailmeat collected by the U.S. Customs Service, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said.

Sources in Washington, D.C., said the processors are eligible for about \$9 million, an increase from last year when \$7.4 million was divided among the group. Odom said this is a substantial increase from the \$2 million that Customs had reportedly collected as of August.

Although the \$9 million is just a small portion of the nearly \$80 million in invoices mailed out to importers, Odom is pleased with the amount.

"I suspect that tens of millions of dollars should have been collected but was not," Odom said. "I'm not going to complain about our processors getting more money from the tariffs, I just would like for it to be more."

Louisiana crawfish processors are getting the tariff money as a result of the Byrd Amendment, which says antidumping petitioners are to receive funds collected by Customs for their industry.

Odom said roughly 27 processors in the state would benefit from the money. There were more than 100 crawfish processors in Louisiana until cheap Chinese crawfish imports flooded the market in the early 1990s.

In 1996, Louisiana crawfish processors

filed an antidumping petition with the U.S. International Trade Commission and the U.S. Department of Commerce. An antidumping tariff was announced in September 1997 and deposit collections began. For several years the threat of eventual collection of the tariff worked. It kept the price of imports around \$5.50 per pound roughly allowing the domestic crawfish industry to compete with the Chinese.

"I suspect most of this money comes from the deposits importers had to pay, not from actual tariffs Customs has collected. We'll never know for sure because that information is proprietary and only Customs can see it," Odom said.

Last year Odom was critical of the bureau-

cratic red tape impeding the collection of tariffs on Chinese crawfish imports and his sentiments have carried over into 2003.

"What we have going on is a classic case of shrewd importers and their lawyers moving much faster than the snail's pace of the federal bureaucracy," Odom lamented again this year.

"But, today I couldn't be happier. Maybe some pressure from Congress will help Customs realize how important the collection of these tariffs is to the livelihood of our state's processors," Odom said. "They need this money. If they aren't in business, the crawfish farmers and Basin fishermen have no market for their product. Everyone will benefit from this \$9 million."

CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pastured or post pastured animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

REMINDER: Have all of your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age vaccinated against brucellosis. For information contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, your parish Cattlemen's Association or parish Farm Bureau.

Reg. Red Angus bulls, Heaven Sake bloodline, 1 yr., \$1000. Wil Sonnier, Lafayette; (337) 235-7932 or (337) 654-4498.

Reg. Angus bulls, coming 4 yrs., used at home, semen tested, \$2000. L. D. Lacour, Jr., Baton Rouge; (985) 345-0441.

Reg. pb polled Stanta Gertrudis bull, born 4/1/03, CB Grizzly grandson, show or breeding quality, \$900. Ignacio Valledor, Mandeville; (985) 630-1520 or (985) 898-0306.

Polled Simm. & Simbrah bulls, very gentle, solid colors, all shots, wormed, 8 mos.-2 yrs., \$550-\$1150/1. Harold Landreneau, Eunice; (337) 457-0505.

(3) Reg. blk. Angus bulls, 9 mos., 40 days conditioning, vacc. & wormed, \$550/1-up. Patrick Fusilier, Eunice; (337) 457-9058.

Reg. Brahman bull, gray, 3 1/2 yrs., very gentle, \$1300. Jerry Fluitt, Gueydan; (337) 536-6522.

Reg. Red Brangus heifers, 30 mos., spring calving, \$900/1. John E. Hartman, Kaplan; (337) 643-6202 or (337) 643-7053.

Reg. Brangus bulls, breeding age, \$975/1-up, Brangus cows & heifers. Chip Durand, St. Martinville; (337) 394-4008.

(13) Pb Brahman cows, (7) reg. red, (6) gray, bred to Angus bull, calving now, excel. quality, \$1100/1. Brady Mable, Donaldsonville; (225) 268-4166 or Dan Safford, (225) 473-4702.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls, gentle, 14-19 mos., excel. EPD's & bloodlines, \$1200/1. John Collins, Ruston; (318) 255-3761.

Reg. Jersey bull, w/papers, born 1/03, Canadian bred, excel. blood-

line, \$800 obo. Coy Durke, Abbeville; (337) 893-7601.

Reg. Char. bulls, 12-15 mos., Budsmiyad & Big Sky breeding, cert. herd, \$1000/1-up. Stanley Lemoine, Plaquemine; (225) 659-7088.

Reg. Char. bulls, ready for service, gentle, big, stout, clean & tested, Big Sky & Budsmiyad breeding, cert. herd, \$1500/1-up. Walter Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-7939.

Reg. horned & polled Hereford bulls, 21 mos., excel. bloodlines & EPD's, well built, thick & deep, ready for service, semen tested, Bogalusa area, \$1500/1. William Bell, New Orleans; (504) 864-1565.

(56) Reg. gray Brahman heifers & cows, bred/exposed to Reg. Angus & horned Hereford bulls for fall & spring calving, some calving now, excel. quality, \$1250-\$1500/1. Corey Zeringue, Cut Off; (985) 632-2695.

Char. bulls, King Grazer bloodline, multi-trait leader, LBW, 10 mos.-2 yrs., polled & very gentle, 1000-1800. G. Perron, Opelousas; (337) 942-5272.

Reg. Beefmaster bulls, 18-28 mos., excel. cond., ready for service, \$1100-\$1650. B. J. Landry, Jennings; (337) 824-3350 or Brian Guillory (337) 824-2181.

(2) Simm. bulls, polled, pb, blk., wh.-faced, 6 frame, performance proven genetics, cert. brucellosis free herd, 27 mos., \$1500; 19 mos., \$1200. Louis Wittie, Hammond; (985) 345-6748.

(150) Brangus heifers, guaranteed bred to LBW Angus bulls, gentle, \$850/1-up. Bob Shoalmire, Powhatan; (318) 352-0355.

2 Yr. Maine Anjou bull, polled, gentle, no bad habits, \$1500 cash. Elmo Doyle, Oakdale; (318) 634-7857.

Reg. Beefmaster herd sire, sire is polled Mandate, dam Phantom daughter, classified U1/3, 4 1/2 yrs., \$2000. Kendall McKenzie, Angie; (985) 848-5468 or (985) 848-5387.

Reg. polled pb Char. heifers, excel. EPD's, 7-9 mos., \$650/1-up. Louis Quave, Bush; (985) 886-5557 or Peter Feringa, Covington; (985) 871-0317.

Reg. Char. 3/N/1's, \$1200-\$1500/1; bulls, 20-24 mos., \$1500-\$1800/1; heavy-bred cows, \$1000/1; open heifers, \$700/1. Harry Comeaux, Arnaudville; (337) 662-3270.

Polled reg. Char. bulls & heifers, wean.- 1 yr., HBR program Z97P,

multi-trait leader bloodlines, excel. temperament & EPD's, \$600-\$750, real bargains. Joel Pigott, Pearl River; (985) 290-9722.

Reg. Char. bulls, \$1000/1-up. Ridley Chauvin, Raceland; (985) 537-6954 or (985) 804-2594.

Reg. Simm. & Simbrah cattle, heifers, bulls & prs., \$550/1-up. B. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Red Angus bulls, 2 1/2 yrs., Leachman Dundee sire, top bloodline, halter broke, \$2000; 1 yr., \$1000, all from AI top bloodline. Jim Ortego, Carencro; (337) 234-6313 or (337) 896-7551.

(1) Reg. Brangus bull, 16 mos., \$1100; (4) reg. Brangus wean. bulls, \$750/1. Eugene Dunn, Columbia; (318) 649-5105.

Coastal raised for coastal trade, polled Hereford bulls, some from horned embryo transplant dams, all from top EPD lines, a few w/no reg. cert., 6 mos.-3 yrs., \$400-\$1500/1, no Sunday trades. Harold Loewer, Eunice; (337) 457-4457.

Reg. Blk. Angus bull, 8 mos., \$550. Clinton Breland, Angie; (985) 848-9213.

(50) Brangus, top quality replacement heifers, bred to LBW reg. Angus bulls, large, frames, vacc., very gentle, sell any amount, \$825/1. Ralph Robinson, Ida; (318) 284-3530.

Reg. polled Char. bull, top herd sire, very gentle, 2 yrs., \$1400. Milo or Mary Beth Jimenez, Port Barre; (337) 948-9496 or (337) 255-1869.

Brangus bulls, 18 mos.-2 1/2 yrs., out of reg. Brahman cattle & reg. Angus bulls, \$800-\$1000. Sam Zaunbrecher, Eunice; (337) 550-0190.

(19) Brangus, (6) Brafords, all cert. F1, 7-11 mos., \$625/1. Richard Sturlese, Grand Chenier; (337) 278-0119.

(1) BBU Beefmaster bull, born 4/8/03, (1) pb Beefmaster bull, blk., born 4/7/03, \$500/1. Betty D'Augereau, Kaplan; (337) 643-1724.

BBU reg. Beefmaster bulls, 18 mos., red, excel. cond., \$750/1; 12 mos., \$500/1. Waldo Thibodeaux, Lafayette; (337) 235-4587 or (337) 332-3531.

Reg. Limousin bull, born 1/11/03, A1 sire Cane Ridge Blockade, red, halter broke, extremely gentle, great conform., \$1000. Brent Deshautelle, Marksville; (318) 253-6495.

(24) Reg. blk. Simm.

cows/heifers, from leading breeding lines in the Assoc., (12) new calves, heavy bred, most to calve by 12/31/03, \$26,500. Nell Strother, Amite; (985) 747-0789 or (985) 969-6005.

Big, rugged, easy calving 2 yr. reg. blk. Simm. bulls, gentle, thick butted, from sound AI program, \$1500/1-up. Gene Strother, Amite; (985) 747-0789 or (985) 969-6005.

(125) Brahman cross cows, 5-7 yrs., pregnancy tested, will calf Dec.-Jan., bred to Char. bulls, (7) Char. bulls, \$850/1. Luke Grezaffi, Jr., New Roads; (225) 718-2323.

Reg. Char., 33 yrs. of Char. breeding, bloodlines, Duke, Tundra, Wallstreet & Sky, Mo Ease, weaned bulls to breeding age heifers, cow & calf prs. & 3/N/1's, cert. herd, \$750/1-up. Ivy Guillot, Sr., Marksville; (318) 253-8300.

Reg. Angus bulls & heifers, top quality size frame & milk, \$800/1-up. Greg Tate, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6606.

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10 Yr. geld., training cutting horse, Mr. Nico Lena x Mexacali Rose, ready to show, no bad habits, \$8500. Al Reardon, Ethel; (225) 683-4624.

1997 AQHA mare, 86 S. I., 4th in Mardi Gras Futurity, DNA typed, finished rope horse, anyone can ride, well started on barrels, poles & goat tying, \$7500. Dale Meche, Rayne; (337) 334-4471.

TW mares & colts, reg. & not. reg., paints & solid colors, \$800/1-up; reg. TW stud, chestnut, w/flax mane & tail, 4 yr. sir Black Rain, W.G.C., great disp., \$700 obo, will

trade, no horses. Ricky Jordan, Oakdale; (318) 452-4795 or (318) 335-3926.

(2) Mares, (1) geld., QH breeding, (1) mare, fb, all less than 5 yrs., good horses, \$500/1-up. Aaron J. Poirrier, Roseland; (985) 748-3009.

AQHA sorrel yrlg. stud colt, Peppy Doc Again, Special Effort, Blondy's Dude, excel. conform., \$1500. Gerald Ducote, Simmesport; (318) 941-2748.

QH mare, out of San Pepe bloodlines, out of reg. stock, breeder died before reg. foal, very gentle, make good working horse, \$600. Jan Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

Reg. Arabian yrlg. & weans., blk. stud colts, dbl. Aladdin, Quad Bask, w/top bloodlines, out of Live Oak Arabians and Gangi Farms, \$700/1. Danny Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

1993 AQHA mare, Doc Bar & Colonel Freckles, excel. broodmare, team pen & sorting, pasture rope, works cattle, gentle for children or beginner, \$3000 neg. Luke Segura, New Iberia; (337) 560-5531.

AQHA grullo rope horse geld., 11 yrs., 1300 lbs., Poco Bueno on papers, 8 yr. daughter rides, \$3500; weans., \$800/1-up; foundation

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broke horses, King P-234, Little Peppy, Hollywood Gold, Doc O'Lena bloodlines, \$1500/1-up. David Yount Jr., Coushatta; (318) 476-3764.

1998 Mustang geld., blk., w/star, not broke, \$300; '02 Mustang colt geld., sorrel, w/blk. trim, \$200, both stall kept & good cond. Dana, Denham Springs; (225) 337-5436 or (225) 803-6063.

AQHA reg. beautiful buckskin mare, 11 yrs., broke, w/good handle, in foal to Sonita's Count, beautiful dun grandson, of Doc's Hickory, \$2000; '03 AQHA gray filly, out of Handle Bar Doc mare, great disp. & tons of potential, \$950. Thad Mancil, Pitkin; (318) 359-0838.

5 Yr. TB mare, started on rides, experienced rider, well bred, \$1500, need QH geld. Ray Treadway, Baldwin; (337) 923-7511.

Colts, out of good bloodlines, (1) yrlg., \$1000; stud colt, \$2500, Poco Bueno bloodlines cutting horses. Randy Bourgue, Lafayette; (337) 261-0561.

Miniature horse mare, w/4 mo. filly, bred back to mini paint stud, \$1200. Corey Zeringue, Cut Off; (985) 632-2695.

(2) Blk. mules, 15+ hands, w/all harnesses & big covered wagon, equipped for week-long rides, \$6000/all. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

(2) AQHA reg. fillies, (1) yrlg., (1) wean., Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Sonny Dee Bar bloodlines, \$1000/1-up. A. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Reg. App. geld. Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234 bred, also mare mule, 14.2 hands, \$1000/1 neg. H. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Weans. & Yrlgs., Smart Lil Lena, Colonel Freckles, Handle Bar Doc, Gay Bar King, extra fancy, great movers, awesome prospect for cutting or performance, \$1500/1-up. Kathy Simoneaux, Opelousas; (337) 942-1880.

Reg. Peruvian Pasos, 1 ½ yr. filly, (4) high stockings, blaze face, \$850; 3 ½ yr. sorrel chestnut stallion, out of Venablo, training in bosal, \$2000. Mary Dunn, Lecompte; (318) 487-9762.

Reg. AQHA, 6 mo. filly, roan dun, beautiful color & conform., \$1000. Hilary Miller, Iota; (337) 824-0941 or (337) 639-4806.

3 Yr. Molly mule, ridden some, packed on in Colorado, \$800. Waymon Taylor, Springhill; (318) 539-5800.

Reg. pb Arabian stallions, mares, colts & fillies, Egyptian/Spanish bloodstock, Ibn Halima, Morafic, Kabull, Barich de Washoe bloodlines, \$500 down & up. Jeff Dupre, Washington; (337) 585-2642.

Reg. pb Arabians at stud, Egyptian/Spanish bloodlines, show quality, blks., 15.2+ hands, excel. temperament, foals to show & for sale, \$500/1-up. Donavan Stoute, Opelousas; (337) 585-2642.

3 Yr. geld., brown & gray, 14.5 hands & very gentle, anyone can

ride, \$600. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

10 Yr. reg. App. mare, 15 hands, very good handle, \$1000. James Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

APHA reg. paint mare, 6 yrs., \$1700; sorrel geld., 5 yrs., \$1200 or trade for Wells Cargo trailer, 16'-20'. Ferall Venable, Scott; (337) 277-2389 or (337) 277-2422.

1994 APHA tobiano stallion, good disp., easy going, all shots, 14.5 hands, sorrel & white, (1) blue eye, \$2000. Oneil Leblanc, Jeanerette; (337) 276-5989.

1997 TW paint geld., bay, smooth gait, well trained, trail ridden, great conform., spirited for experienced rider, fun to ride, \$1500. Karon Smith, Calcasieu; (318) 659-3308 or (318) 201-5667.

Reg. APHA, 8 mo. stud colt, sired by Three Deuces, '03 Amateur World Champ. & World Champ., estimated stud fee, \$1500, halter broke, \$1500 obo. Renee Anding, Lakeland; (225) 627-6099.

2001 APHA filly, bay, tobiano/overo, w/medicine cap, foaled 1/29/01, green broke, Broseco Rocket, Cardinal Lady Anna, \$1500. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

AQHA geld., Puddenhead, shown district & state, great disp., 6 mos. pro training, \$3500; reg. paint mare, 4-H shown, overo, \$2000; mini stallion, 3 mos., \$400; 3 mo. paint, QH breeding, \$1000. Melissa Henry, Patterson; (985) 395-6015.

2003 Pal. colt, ½ Welch, ½ QH, \$500; '03 chestnut filly, ¾ QH, ¼ Belgian, \$700; '03 buckskin filly, ½ QH, ½ Belgian, \$1000; (3) reg. spotted draft fillies, all are blk./wh. tobiano, \$1500/1-up; reg. Belgian mare, rides & drives, \$3500. Ben Baggett, Mittie; (337) 639-2086.

17 Yr. mule, coon hunting size, white, rides & loads well, \$600. Marshall Robinson, Jr., Minden; (318) 927-4894.

Reg. TWHBEA, 18 mos., stud colt, blk., w/4-wh. stockings, \$1200; reg. TWHBEA, 5 mo. filly, blk., \$1200. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie; horsinaround@eatel.net or (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

1995 APHA tobiano geld., sound, very nice looking, calm, English or Western, placed & won in W. Pleasure, will track calves, \$3500; '02 AQHA dark pal. geld., Peppy San Badger, Solitorio, JB Cody Hobbles, ties, very docile, green broke, \$2000. R. Perieux, St. Martinville; (337) 394-8807.

Reg. Peruvian Paso stallion, '91 true blk., very long mane & tail, \$2200; reg. Peruvian geld., '98, bay, green broke but well gaited, flashy, 2-rear socks, \$1800. Carol Thoerig, Covington; (985) 893-8161.

Good working mule, good around cows, calves & people, easy to catch, \$500. Dot Dousay, Lacamp; (337) 238-3888.

Reg. Paso Fino geld., 2 ½ yrs., ready for training, \$1000; fillies, 1 ½ yrs., \$1000. Allen Dugas, Tickfaw; (985) 542-0252.

AQHA liver chestnut 8 yr. broodmare, granddaughter of sires

Quincy Dan & Tinker Steel, AQHA champ. & superior halter, \$2200. David Grass, Folsom; (985) 796-3522.

AQHA, PHBA 18 mo. pal. colt, 3-wh. stockings, w/blaze, snow-white mane & tail, \$2000. Wanda Grass, Folsom; (985) 373-2805.

Reg. TW yrlgs. & weans., all gentle & naturally gaited, \$1000/1-up. Shonnie Dove, Winnsboro; (318) 435-2217.

Spotted saddle horse, geld., 14 hands, grullo & wh., 3 yrs., very well gaited, started on trails in woods, \$1000 firm, others avail. Brad Vidrine, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4290.

Reg. TW mare, 14.3-15 hands, blk., w/1-wh. sock, 3 ½ yrs., very well gaited, open for breeding, has been ridden in mountains of Missouri & Illinois, \$1200, others avail. B. Vidrine, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4290.

Reg. AQHA red roan mare, 4 yrs., very gentle, great for trail riding, Leo & King bred, \$2000. Alvin Stafford, Prairieville; (225) 673-3373.

2002-2003 AQHA gorgeous foundation weans. & yrlgs., many to choose from, cremello, blk., pal. & buckskins, Doc Bar, Sport Model & Handcock bred, \$1200/1-up. Anthony Vidal, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

2002 AQHA buckskin stallion, Doc Bar, Blondy's Dude & King bred, also 4th generation dilute gene, dam is own son of Page Steel, super disp. & conform., \$2500. Jane Vidal, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

Foundation bred colts, \$4500 obo. Sandy Treme, DeQuincy; Web site: www.tallpinesranch.com or (337) 786-8496.

Reg. American paint, 22 mos., sorrel solid stud, 14 hands, green broke, sire Charles Impressive, dam Wimpys Skipa Miss, \$1100. Patrick Richard, Opelousas; (337) 942-4876 or (337) 658-7382.

(4) Broodmares, reg. TB mare, all winners at the track, \$1000/1. Winston Cormier, Morse; (337) 785-0230.

1999 APHA blk./wh. tobiano geld., 15 hands, flashy, easy to catch, 2-horse bumper pull, new paint, tires & lights, ready to pull, \$3000/both. Richard Leblanc, Krotz Springs; (337) 566-8399.

2000 Green broke, lineback dun geld., w/tiger stripes & (2) rear wh. socks, very flashy, approx. 15 hands, train to your liking, \$1200. Kevin Simpson, Prairieville; (225) 673-4382.

Reg. Arabian mare, 24 yrs., excel. show & trail, horse, shown by a 4 yr. old, does pleasure & timed events, English or Western, in great shape, \$1000. Rebecca McLindon, Bush; (985) 892-2686.

TW, blk., w/blaze face, 2 yrs., very gentle, anyone can ride, \$1200. Keith Rogers, Zachary; (225) 654-4622.

Paint geld., 3 ½ yrs., mostly wh., imprinted at birth, very gentle, lots of saddle time, penning cattle, worked sale barn alleys & playdays, \$1500 cash. Anna Tolbert, DeQuincy; (337) 786-2727.

Reg. App. yrlg. stallion, blk., w/wh. blanket, great color, con-

form., disp. & pedigree, \$1500. C. J. Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

AQHA bay mare, in foal to muscular reg. red roan App. stallion, mare is dbl. bred King bloodline & very gentle, mare & foal, \$1250. Clay Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

AQHA yrlgs. & weans., Handle Bar Doc & foundation bred bloodlines, \$1200/1-up, broodmares avail. Betty Hertzog, Natchez; (318) 379-2482 or (318) 379-2221.

STALLION SERVICE

Reg. TWHBEA, SSHBEA 16 hands, blk./wh. tobiano stallion, \$250/\$5 mare care. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie; horsinaround@eatel.net or (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

Lineback red dun, own son of Tanquary Gin, bloodline Poco Lena, Doc Bar, Doc O'Lena, Poco Bueno, top & bottom, \$600. Warren Igness, Welsh; (337) 734-3672.

AQHA pal., Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, \$350/\$3 mare care. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Blk./wh. App., Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234, \$200/\$3 mare care. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Shining Sneakers x Shining Spark, AQHA performance ROM, AQHA Circuit champ., MQHA high-point reiner, NRHA money earner, \$1000. Cheryl Borer, Walker; www.borerquarterhorses.com or (225) 667-7415.

Homozygous APHA blk./wh. Skip-N-King, homozygous for paint & tobiano babies, reg. mare, \$350; grade mare, \$250. Beverly Bertrand, Branch; (337) 684-3028 or (337) 580-0161.

Cute spotted Jack, out of Pond, Miss., never ridden, \$100/\$0 mare care. Blaine Efferson, Baton Rouge; (225) 357-7515.

SHEEP & GOATS

(6) Exposed ewes, 3/4-7/8, Katahdin, \$50/1; (1) ram, 7/8 Katahdin, \$65, \$340, if all taken. John David, Church Point; (337) 684-2228.

Pigmy goat female, 2 yrs., \$150. Mitch Romero, Maurice; (337) 898-2530.

Fb IBGA Boer goats, reg., (2) billies, (2) does, born 3/03, (2) nannies, Stones Martin 7E & Mago bloodline, \$200/1-up. Murphy Stelly, Carencro; (337) 896-6016.

Reg. Boer goat percentage nannies, \$125/1-up. Charles Casanova, Holden; (225) 294-2585.

Katahdin/Dorper cross ewes & male, color blk. & wh., \$100/1; ewes due to lamb in Jan. Russell Girard, Scott; (337) 873-4418.

Nigerian dwarf/African pygmy goat cross doe kid, buckskin, born 10/16/03, sire is NDGA reg., dam is pb pygmy, \$100. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

Fb IBGA reg. Boer kids, born 6/3/03 & 6/5/03, (2) billies, correct color & show breeding, \$250/1. Ricky LoBell, Prairieville; (225) 715-9218.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Only trained farm stockdogs or offspring from trained stockdogs are eligible to be advertised. Include dog's breeding and special training or ability that qualifies it as a stockdog. A signed statement must accompany each notice indicating these facts before the ad can be published.

Breeding pr. of rare breed Sharplaninac, guard dogs, raised w/sheep, cattle & horses, gentle w/people, will not tolerate other dogs or prey, \$2000/pr. Danny Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

NALC Catahoula pups, off proven working stock, \$125-\$150. Mona Williams, Denham Springs; (225) 665-8680.

(2) Trained cow dogs, (1) reg. border collie male, (1) ½ border collie, ½ blue heeler male, \$1500/1. John Briscoe, Elton; (337) 584-2751.

Australian blue heeler pups, from a working farm, born 9/3/03, \$75/1. William Hatcher, Kentwood; (985) 229-8361.

Blue heeler pups, born 10/20/03, fb, no papers, out of working stock, \$75. Joe LeJeune, Opelousas; (337) 948-6444.

Great Pyrenees pups, AKC, beautiful, dewormed & first shots, only (4) left, \$300. Gael O'Kelly, St. Martinville; (337) 394-6186.

NALC Catahoula dogs & pups, cattle & hogs, excel. w/children, watch dogs, \$125/1-up. Mark Smith, DeRidder; (337) 463-4292.

NALC reg. Catahoulas, (2) males, 8 mos., guaranteed to go, \$350/1. Ronnie Fairchild, Gonzales; (225) 647-4299.

Wanted: AKC Australian Shepherd pups, (1) male, (1) female, unrelated, will buy up to 6 mos. Doyle Davis, Norwood; (225) 629-5546 or (225) 774-1645.

SWINE

#1 Slaughter hogs & feeder hogs, grain fed, \$35/1-up. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa; (985) 735-9671 or (985) 732-9671.

PIGEONS

Pigeons, blk./wh. king & silver king mix, \$3. Elvin Lafleur, Ville Platte; (337) 363-2079.

Mixed breeds, wh. & other colors, \$5/1 or \$2.5/1 or 10 or more. Dale Landry, Paincourtville; (985) 369-6952.

Modena pigeons, all colors, \$10/1; prs., \$20/pr. Russell Girard, Scott; (337) 873-4418.

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Parrots, breeder prs., Mexican redheads, \$600; orange wings, \$350. Ricky LoBell, Prairieville; (225) 715-9218.

Orange-faced lovebirds, lutinos, normals, olives, cinn., \$25-\$60/1 or trade for nice lovebirds. Dale Landry, Paincourtville; (985) 369-6952.

Canaries, from award-winning line, Gloster, \$60/1; opal, \$60/1; bronze, \$65/1; red factor, \$65/1. Carlos Ambrogio, Houma; (985) 868-3648.

Hf umbrella Cockatoo, very tame & talking, w/very large cage, on rollers, \$1000. Jan Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

Indian ringneck parakeets, '02 hatch, turquoise male, \$150/1; '03 blue white-head lacewing hen, \$300/1; violets, \$1800/1; '02 green/red-eyed yellow head, \$275/1; breeder male Hyacinth macaw, \$6000/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Canaries for sale, \$60/1. Juan Castro, Destrehan; (985) 725-0283.

Ringneck doves, proven prs., \$20/1-up; dove cage, 20-compartment, heavy-gauge wire, \$300. J. R. Bernard, Carencro; (337) 896-8619.

Sweet & lovable cockatiels, hf, parent fed, breeder age, all banded, w/cert., most combinations of grays, lutinos, albinos, wh.-faced, pearls, cinn. & pieds, \$30/1-up. Samantha Ivy, Morgan City; (985) 631-3498.

Hatch Rite incubator, series 998, used 2 seasons, originally \$7650, asking \$800 firm. Wallace Smith, Cut Off; (985) 632-4749.

Cockatiels, \$30/1 or \$50/pr.; pr. of young quakers, unsexed, possibly male & female, \$200/pr.; parakeets, young & breeders, \$8-\$10/1; young peach-faced lovebird, \$30. Chris Nelson, Gonzales; (225) 622-6589.

Tame male eclectus, \$400/1; cockatiels, \$25/1-up; lovebirds, \$30/1-up; parakeets, \$8/1; finches, \$8/1. Clara Broussard, Abbeville; (337) 893-6745.

Ringneck doves, normals & wh., \$7.5 & \$10/1; proven mated prs., \$20 & \$30/pr., will ship. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

Lots of Lovebirds, peach-faced, mask, violet, fischer, orange-faced, \$25-\$75/1; finches, \$8/1; button quail, \$7/1; parakeets, \$12; red rump pr., \$130. Becky LaFleur, Ville Platte; (337) 363-1625.

Violet-blue masked lovebirds, \$200-\$300/1; lineolated parakeets, dk. green, turquoise, cobalt, lutino, creamino, \$250-\$450/1, all birds banded & DNA sexed. Glenn Allen, Gonzales; hi.skip@cox.net or (225) 644-1908.

Diamond doves, blue-wh. tail, cinn.-wh. tail, yellow-wh. tail, yellow, red-wh. tale, silver-wh. tail, all closed banded, \$20/1-up, will ship. Mervin Faul, Iowa; (337) 582-6674.

Proven pr. sun conures, proven pr. plumheads, (30) society & zebra finches, (6) pr. goulds, dia-

mond fire-tails, red throats, diamond doves, parakeets, pr. blue lace-wing budgies, all w/cages, 7'x5' octagon cage, \$3000/all. Johnny McMorris, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8855.

Wanted: 4 or 5 yr. orange-wing Amazon male. Lorena Nappier, Monroe; (318) 8588.

Wanted: Hahn macaws, breeders, 1-3 yrs., banded or young banded prs. Kendall Robertson, Slaughter; (225) 658-0619.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

Kelso, hatch game pullets & roosters, \$10/1. J. B. Buller, Mittie; (337) 639-4616.

Dark Rhode Island Reds, 1-2 mos., \$2-\$3/1; (4) golden-laced Cochins, (3) hens, (1) rooster, \$20/all. Christopher Nelson, Gonzales; (225) 622-6589.

Quails, wh., golden, Manchurian & Pharaoh, live, 35¢-\$1.5/1; dressed, \$24/doz. Harry Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

2003 Peacocks, Indian blue pr., \$100; blk. shoulder pr., \$100; pheasants, red, yellow, silver, salmon, splash golden, \$30-\$100/pr.; lady Amherst, \$50/pr. Doyle Davis, Norwood; (225) 629-5546 or (225) 774-1645.

Barred Rock range chickens, chicks & fertile eggs, chicks 1-10 wks., \$1/1, plus 25¢ for each additional week; fertile eggs, \$2/doz. Keiffer Meyers, Baker; (225) 261-9533.

Mallard ducks, \$15/pr.; fawn & wh. Indian runner, \$15/pr. Sterling Bergeron, Houma; (985) 851-5492.

Bobwhite quail, \$3/1 or \$2.5 for 100 or more. James Madere, Hahnville; (985) 783-6367.

Mixed breed & crossbred chickens, \$4-\$6/1; Peking, blk. Swedish, mostly male ducks, \$7/1. Kathy Matte, Opelousas; (337) 543-7130.

Super large quail, hatching eggs, \$25/100, plus \$12 S&H; live birds, 75¢/1-up; \$24/doz. G. R. Chauvin, Schriever; (985) 448-3360.

XL quail, chicks, 25¢/1; adults, \$1.5-\$2/1; Texas A&M wh., 25¢/1; fertile eggs, 10¢/1; non-fertile eggs, 6¢/1. Patti Arnold, Cecilia; (337) 667-6632.

Mixed breed Peking ducks, 8 mos., \$4/1. M.J. Montagnino, Zachary; (225) 654-2473.

Gray Guineas, \$6/1; Kelso hatch roosters & hens, \$5/1; mixed bantams, laying, \$1.5/1; silver Seabrights, \$10/pr.; golden Seabrights, \$10/pr. Grover O'Banion, Ponchatoula; (504) 812-0019.

Buff Orpington, (11) hens, (1) rooster, \$5/1. H. P. Monroe, Epps; (318) 926-5340.

Red jungle-fowl roosters, pb, \$10/1; silkie x JF roosters, \$6/1; flying mallard drakes, \$5-\$10/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Arcanna roosters, all colors, \$4/1. Allen Dugas, Tickfaw; (985) 542-0252.

Young bantams, cochins, \$1/1; fertile eggs, \$1/4. Marilyn

Raymond, Lake Catherine; (504) 662-1100.

Guinea, 7-8 mos., \$6/1. Lester Fuselier, Eunice; (337) 457-4265.

English caller ducks, small type, won first place in '02 Rapides Parish Fair, \$25/pr. Dean Gunter, LeCompte; (318) 776-9235.

Bantams, all colors, \$3/1-up; quails, Pharaoh, Manchurian & wh., \$1.5/1-up; quail eggs, \$10/100. Nelson Landry, New Iberia; (337) 365-4538.

Peafowl, wh., pied & spaulding, \$50-\$100. Harves George, Flatwoods; (318) 793-4384.

Beautiful wh. swans, hatched last May, \$275/1. Robert Nolan, Denham Springs; (225) 667-2596 or (225) 603-4694.

Buff & B.B. red bantams, \$75/pr.; modern brown/red, B.B. reds., \$75/pr. Leo Palmisano, Belle Chasse; (504) 656-2058.

Wanted: (1) Canadian male goose, 1 yr. or older, near Hammond. Joseph Costanza, Hammond; (985) 345-6743.

Wanted: (6) good laying hens, within 30-35 miles of Natchitoches. Jimmy Howell, Clarence; (318) 352-2075.

DEER & EXOTICS

Trophy elk, \$2000/1-up; trophy fallow, \$500/1; water buffalo bull, 2000 lbs., \$750; water buffalo, bull yrlg., \$500. Herbert LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

White tails, 35 yrs. breeding, Northern cross, does, 200+ lbs., bucks, 25+ inches, booking fawns for spring del., \$1400; huge bull elk, \$1200-\$1800; yrlgs., \$400. Dr. Woodson Harvey, Ville Platte; (337) 224-4271.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

Large breed crosses, NZ, Calif., checkered, all ages, \$5/1-up. Dale Falcon, Prairieville; (225) 673-4833.

Dutch, all colors, Netherland dwarf, Mini Rex, NZ, Calif. & mixed breeds, \$6/1-up. Nelson Landry, New Iberia; (337) 365-4538.

San Juans, Florida Cottontails, crosses, \$5/1-up; other breeds, \$5/1-up; new wire cages, \$15/1-up. Ishreal Thibodeaux, Opelousas; (337) 942-7726.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Aluminum crawfish boat, double hull, 14' x 5', needs engine, \$3500. Steve Alexander, Jennings; (337) 824-7427.

Detroit 6-71, rebuilt, used on water well, \$3800. Mike Daigle, Branch; (337) 224-0501.

Blue Catfish, 25¢/1; channel catfish, 20¢/1; bluegill, 20¢/1; coppernose bluegills, 20¢/1; hybrid bluegill, 25¢/1; Chinquapin bream, 25¢/1; blk. crappie, 30¢/1; bass,

50¢/1-up; koi, 50¢/1-up, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden; (318) 377-1525.

Bass, 60¢/1; bluegill, 20¢/1; crappie, 30¢/1; Chinquapin, 25¢/1; catfish, 20¢/1; hybrids, 25¢/1; carp, \$9/1; minnows, \$8/lb. del. avail. Frank Book, Shreveport; (318) 929-4251.

BEES/HONEY

Complete beekeeping operation, (4) hives, no bees, (2) extractors, lots of equipment & materials, too much to list, \$1100. Carl Reece, Gilliam; (318) 222-8400 or (318) 296-4296.

FARM SERVICES

Protect your investment & your friend, freeze branding now avail., ID that is humane & visible year round, \$45. Kim Ballard, Cade; (337) 344-3171.

We buy, sell, train & board horses and give lessons. Russ Mixon, Pride; russmixon1@cox.net or (225) 654-9254.

Seven Star stables, full or partial board, clean & hazard free facility, located 10 minutes from Port Allen off Hwy. 190, 60+ acres for riding. Chris or Donna Leger, Plaquemine; (225) 687-2047 or (225) 776-2843.

We crack pecans, fast friendly service, 30¢/lb. Jennifer Young, Zachary; 225-654-3264 or 225-445-5012.

Bar J Horseshoeing, specializing in corrective shoeing, as well as hot & cold work, flat shoeing, \$40; trim, \$20, OSHS cert. farrier. Josh Axsom, Natchitoches; (318) 652-0046 or (318) 379-0437.

All types of dirt work, laser leveling, ponds, construction site prep, federal program work, references avail. Byron Lemoine, Hamburg; (318) 997-2163.

Landowners, I will clean fence-rows, rework old fences, build all types of new fence also repair & build, licenses for all La., references provided, free estimates. Ben Baggett, Mittie; (337) 639-2086.

RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

Beauregard Parish, 2 miles N of Phelps institute, 32 acres, 14 x 80 MH, horses, vehicles, saddles, barns, used for pasture & hay, extra rental space, \$200,000/all. R. W. Sanders, Singer; (337) 786-3973.

10 Acres, located 4 miles east of Eunice, \$5000/acre. Gwyn Kirby, Denham Springs; gwyn@beatle-mail.com or (225) 665-4413.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

Birdhouse & dipper gourds, cushaw green stripe, reg. green & long green eggplant, 8" long, cayenne pepper, \$1.5/30 seeds, w/SASE. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA, 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Fancy red bush cherry, purple & yellow bush datura, red & wh. cypress vine, purple/wh. 4 O'clock, birdeye, Peter peppers, sweet aconcagua large banana pepper, \$1.5/pkt., w/SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

2003 Hot Peter pepper seeds, \$1/50 seed pkt., w/SASE. Cleveland Guidry, 918 E. Ash Street, Crowley, LA, 70526; (337) 783-2042.

Rose of Montana, \$1/10, w/SASE; hibiscus white/rose center, \$1/10, w/SASE; annual dwarf hibiscus, \$1/10, w/SASE; Madonna lily seed, \$1/tsp., w/SASE. Vivian Simmons, 704 Tanglewood Loop, DeRidder, LA, 70634; (337) 463-5970.

Red cypress vine seeds, \$1.5/pkt., w/SASE. Melissa Wilson, 867 Tara, Lake Charles, LA, 70611; (337) 855-2613.

Wanted: (2) pink gingers, call between 6:30-8:30 pm. Mae Hillis, Sterlington; (318) 665-2632.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Pecan trees, Sumner, 3 yrs., 10-gal., \$35/1, 9 only; river birch, cypress & Southern magnolia, 3-gal., \$8/1. James Robin, Sr., Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

Fig trees, 2 yrs., \$9.5/2-gal., at place, 10 varieties, SASE for list, will ship dormant, \$12 S&H included. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Strawberry plants, at place, \$10/100. Sharkey Chaney, Gonzales; (225) 673-3884.

Camerosa/festivals, strawberry plants, 1-50 plants, 12¢/1; 50-300 plants, 10¢/1; 300-1000 plants, 9¢. Mitchel Catalanatto, Natalbany; (985) 542-4784.

Fancy red cherry, \$6/1; celeste, honey dew & ishia figs, \$6/1; chinaberry, \$5-8/1; yellow bush datura, \$8/1; Mamou bush, \$10/1; loquats, \$5/1-up. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Figs, Alma, Celeste & brown turkey, \$6/1; confederate rose, pink, white, dbl. & single, \$8/3-gal.; shattering gold, \$5/1; yellow bells shrub, \$5/1. Vivian Simmons, DeRidder; (337) 463-5970.

Celeste & brown turkey fig, Southern magnolia, Japanese yew, Japanese plum, Chinese fan palm, \$10/3-gal.; red amaryllis, \$3-\$10, by size; monkey grass, \$1/3 qt. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

Mayhaw trees, large fruited varieties, also red mulberry, crapple, Chickasaw plum, Catalpa, native magnolia, \$7-\$25/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

3-gal. River birch trees, single, \$3.25/1; dbl., \$3.5/1; triple trunk, \$3.75/1; 3-gal. live oak, \$4/1; 3-gal. plum loropetalum, \$3.75/1. Cheryl Monk, Oakdale; (318) 335-9364.

Wanted: sprouts of giant bamboo cane, grows 3"-4" in diameter, also old heart pine or cypress lumber & beams. Glen Stephens, Woodworth; (318) 448-1594.

HAY & GRAIN

5x6 Rolls rye & clover, \$25/1; Bermuda grass, \$30; heavy rolls, some in barn, del. avail. Bob Shoalmire, Powhatan; (318) 352-0355.

Argentine Bahia, horse quality, sq. bales, \$3.5/1; 4x4 rd. bales, \$20, in barn. Richard Reed, Independence; (985) 878-2330.

Alicia/Bahia/Tifton 44, 4x5 rd. bales, \$18/1, in field; \$28/1, delivery, \$3.75/mls., hauling to location of farm. Wayne Ward, Saline; 179erma@bellsouth.net, (318) 576-9913 or (318) 471-9273.

2003 Quality Jiggs Bermuda, \$3.5/bale, in barn; \$4-\$4.5/bale delivered, but not unloaded. Don Bernard, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

2003 Bahia & Jiggs Bermuda, 4x6 rd. bales, \$20 for Bahia; \$30 for Jiggs, del. \$5/1. Donald Crawford, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

Large rolls Bahia, baled in Oct. '03, hay in Bush, LA, \$25/1. Sal Mistretta, Ponchatoula; (504) 559-4390.

Fert. Bahia, Alicia, 4x5 rd. bales, conditioned, cut & baled, \$20/1. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

Quality Alicia Bermuda sq. bales, highly fert., weed free, \$3.6/1, in barn. Clay Pierce, Thibodaux; (504) 446-0234 or (504) 447-6100.

Jiggs & Bahia, 5x5 rd. bales, cured w/o rain, fert., hard bales, \$17-\$20, quantity discounts avail. Miles Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-2270.

High quality 4x4 rd. bales of Bahia, fert. & kept in barn, \$20/1. Sonny Ridgell, Tickfaw; (504) 345-1128.

Good clean hay, Alicia 4x5 bales, \$20/1 outside; \$25/1 in barn; Bahia, \$20; crab grass, \$15, all 4x5 bales. Cliff Myers, Youngsville; (337) 856-6992 or (337) 654-6599.

(10) Rd. bales of hay, just baled, 4x5 bales, \$130/all; last year hay, \$15/1, will load if all taken. Elvin Lafleur, Ville Platte; (337) 363-2079.

2003 Rice straw, 4x5 bales, will load, \$10/1; will del., \$15/1. Ricky Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 224-5632.

New & old Bermuda & various other kinds, all from fert. production, you load, \$2-4/1, no Sunday business. Harold Loewer, Eunice; (337) 457-4487.

Fert. grass hay, 5x6 rd. bales, \$22.5/1, will load. James Leger, Eunice; (337) 207-5895.

2003 Pure Bahia, 5x5 rd. bales, \$25; big sq. bales, \$3/1, both cured, well fert., w/o rain, stored in barn. Kevin Stilley, Loranger; (985) 878-6246 or (985) 878-4151.

2003 Mixed grass hay 4x5 bales, baled July & Sept., w/o rain, \$15/1-\$16.5/1, if 100 taken. David McDaniel, Ville Platte; (337) 831-3746 or (337) 461-2499.

Rd. bales Bahia hay, fert., under barn, excel. quality, no weeds, del. avail., \$35/1, quantity discounts avail. Joe Pieri, Folsom; (985) 796-9538.

2003 Bahia hay, in barn only, \$2.25/1. R. Perieux, St. Martinville; (337) 394-8807.

4x5 Bales, Argentine or Pensacola Bahia, Alicia, common Bermuda, crabgrass & mixed grass, \$18-\$25/1, we load. Bryan Alleman, Rayne; (337) 334-9322 or (337) 278-2586.

2003 Alicia Bahia, 4x5 rd. bales, in barn, \$35/1; cattle mix grass, \$15/1. Brandy Cella, Bush; (985) 892-0240.

4x5 Claas rice straw bales, \$10/1, will haul for additional charge. Chad Schexnailder, Kaplan; (337) 643-7781.

2003 Bahia hay, excel quality, well fert. & cured w/o rain, (500) 4x5 sq. bales, \$20/1; 1000 sq., \$2.5, in barn. Ike Nichols, Kinder; (337) 639-2140.

Alicia Bermuda grass hay, clean, fertilized to soil test, sq. bales, \$3.5/1; 4x5 rd. bales, \$20/1; cow hay, sq. bales, \$2.5/1, del. avail. Roy Varnado, Jr., Iota; (337) 824-3887.

Alicia Bermuda horse hay, sq. bales, \$3/1; (1200) rolls Bahia, stored in barn, well fert., \$20-\$25/1, all cured w/o rain, '03 crop. B. D. Burns, Simpson; (337) 383-7805.

Bahia hay, 4x5 rd. bales, fert, lime, no weeds, cured w/o rain, in barn, excel. quality, \$25/1. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

2003 Mix, Alicia hay, rd. bales, del. avail., \$20/1; sq. bales, \$3.25/1, in barn. William Delaune, Gonzales; (225) 647-7073.

Alicia, horse quality, \$3.25/1; Bahia, \$2.75/1, 20 or more; wheat straw, \$2.5/1; 5x5 rd. bales, crab grass, Bahia, Alicia, \$18-\$30/1, most under shelter, loaded, sq. bales you load. David Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4334 or (337) 363-3523.

Alicia 4x5 rd. bales, cured w/o rain, weed free, in barn, \$30; Bahia 4x5 bales, horse quality, in barn, \$25; outside, \$20. Homer Dutsch, Bush; (985) 892-4041.

Alicia Bermuda, excel. quality sq. bales, \$3/1; rd. bales, \$15/1. Kyle Doucet, Washington; (337) 826-3542.

(150) rd. bales of Bahia hay, fert., last yrs., \$10 & \$12; 2003, \$16/1, we load. Ina Laprarie, Deville; (318) 466-5529.

Rd. bales, \$35/1. June Cashio, Prairieville; (225) 673-3186 or (225) 603-4408.

Wanted: 500-1000 bales of fresh long-needle pine straw, must be able to del. Robert King, West Monroe; (318) 340-0142 or (318) 547-2617.

FERTILIZER

Barnyard manure, for shrubbery, bedding, etc., you load, \$2/100 lbs., no Sunday business. Harold Loewer, Eunice; (337) 457-4487.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

Ford 6610 cab diesel trac., 72 PTO hp, 8 spd., needs a/c compressor. \$8500. Al Ryan, Marksville; (318) 240-7388.

530 Case, diesel, \$850; 4' grader blade, \$185; dirt scoop, \$160; 300 utility IH, \$850. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

JD 7' disc, hydraulic, \$900. George Remmetter, Slaughter; (225) 654-2763.

JD 535 rd. baler, excel. cond., \$16,000; NH 256 hay rake, excel. cond., \$1600. Carroll Trahan, Lafayette; (337) 984-6267.

Front dozer blade, for Int. Cub trac., \$100; (5) cult. shanks, for JD, no wear, \$25/1; PTO for Super "A" Int., \$75; JD 8' disc, 9" spools, drag-type, no wheels, good cond., \$450. Joseph Costanza, Hammond; (985) 345-6743.

NH 275 sq. baler, top-notch cond., baled over 3000 bales in '03, \$2500; Heston 530 rd. baler, new elec. tie & new belts, bales tight & rd., \$6000 cash. Johnn Tolbert, DeQuincy; (337) 786-2727.

1992 2360 Long 5' front-end loader, hayforks, 143 cu./inch diesel Cat 1 hitch, hyd. 3rd arm, 35 hp, on PTO, used but not abused, \$5500. Wayne Plauche, Carencro; (337) 896-0534.

1996 Komatsu PC-100 track-hoe, 42 hrs., new rails, a/c, 32" bucket, excel. shape, \$40,000; 1987 Cat 416 backhoe, 2 wd, 24" bucket, good shape, \$17,500. Robby McGrew, West Monroe; (318) 398-9895.

1998 model Ford NH trac., 4 wd, w/turf tires, 26 hp, 3000 hrs., excel. cond., \$6800. Mark Jeansonne, Marksville; (318) 240-7744.

1996 Toyota forklift, 5000 lb. L.P., triple state mast, 189" lifting height, side shift, 4600 hrs., drive tires, 7:00 x 12, steering tires, 6:00 x 9, \$8000. Paul Newton, Bunkie; (318) 346-2905 or (318) 447-6140.

Cat B excavator. Joe Cashio, Prairieville; (225) 673-3186 or (225) 603-4408.

JD 5500 cab trac., air, radio, 800 hrs., 60 hp PTO, \$23,000. D. M. Terral, Covington; (985) 466-0560.

Crustbuster grain drill, excel. cond., \$1500; W&A 8-row hipper w/orthman row markers, excel. cond., \$2600; irrigation pumps, 6" x 8", trailer mounted, PTO driven, excel. cond., \$1500. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

7' Bush hog, \$1000; 5' Woods bush hog, \$550; 3304 Cat, 4 cyl. 85 hp, power unit, \$6000; 14" Side-Winder ditcher, \$600. Don Granger, Delcambre; (337) 685-2261.

(2) JD Cat 3 quick hitches, \$200/1; pallet forks, \$200; JD 8820

Titan II, upper & lower sieves, \$200/both, MM power-unit drive shaft, \$800; cotton wagons, 32"-36", \$750-\$850/1. Randall Johnson, Rayne; (337) 523-1140.

Tree-planting machines, light, med. & heavy duty, \$500-\$2500. Glen Stephens, Woodworth; (318) 448-1594.

IH 1100 feedmill, crusher & mixer on wheels, mobile w/auger, operates off PTO, shed kept, excel. cond., \$2800. G. Perron, Opelousas; (337) 942-5272.

Sweet potato equipment, (1) digger, 1-row, \$300; (2) Holland transplanters, (1) field ready, fits on diamond toolbar, \$550, (1) for parts, free. Timothy Duckless, Opelousas; (337) 351-5278.

5' Bush hog, \$300; 5' bush hog, \$200, both in working cond. Murphy Broussard, Sunset; (337) 662-3177.

Mahindra trac., 475 DL, 3 cyl. 43 hp, good cond., \$6500. Charles Traina, Folsom; (985) 796-8538.

41 Land Plane, Rayne Land Plane, \$4500. Clement Lejeune, Lake Charles; (337) 478-6085.

1066 Int. 120 hp, dual PTO, WFE, new alt., starter & seat, good rubber, \$4500. Tommy Guy, Mansfield; (318) 872-0948.

8N Ford 12-volt system, rebuilt motor & hydraulics, new paint job, good tires, runs & starts well, \$2000. David Mascara, Ponchatoula; (985) 345-1486.

MF 250 diesel trac., 40 hp Perkins engine, 60 hp differential, 2000 hrs., 3 pt. hookup, \$6000. Steve Charpentier, Houma; (985) 594-3526.

2000 JD 68 hp, cab, air, loader, 500 hrs., \$27,800, financing avail. Buddy Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 453-5685.

1998 Komatsu D38P dozer, 6-way blade, joystick, 4400 hrs., excel. cond., \$35,000. James Simmons, Pollock; (318) 765-9373.

10' Spike harrow, 3 pt. hitch, adjustable angle, on spikes, good cond., \$800. Joe Pieri, Folsom; (985) 796-9538 or (504) 628-5361.

Allis Chalmers, model 5015 diesel trac., 15 hp at PTO, 3 pt., 5' Woods finishing mower, 1200 hrs., very good cond., \$2800. B. Arnold, Raceland; (985) 537-9109.

1997 Mahindra trac., 50 hp, excel. cond., shed kept, 400 hrs., canopy, hydraulics, \$8200. Christy Dicapo, Leonville; (337) 879-2551.

1998 770 JD 20 hp, only 2200 hrs., diesel engine, excel. cond., \$7850. Dana Cavalier, Pierre Part; (985) 252-4295 or (985) 513-2417.

6' Vicon disc hay cutter, for parts, NH side-delivery rake, good cond., NH sq. baler, for parts, \$600/all, will sell separate. Chad Lasseigne, Port Allen; (225) 343-4836 or (225) 413-9138.

Hydraulic 5th-wheel, \$1500; 7' Side Winder pasture clipper, Tag-A-Long, \$1500; MF 200 bull dozer, diesel engine, \$8000; Ford 550 back hoe & loader, \$6500. Robert Gravois, Thibodaux; (985) 633-9242.

MF 240 diesel trac., 40 hp, like new, \$8500; MF 255, 55 hp, diesel, \$8000. Ernest Webb, Choudrant; (318) 768-2685.

Gehl 1400 rd. baler, good cond., \$2000; (2) Vicon hay cutters, 8', leaks oil, bottom plate, \$1500; 4-wheel hay rake, \$250; Ford 5000 trac., \$5000. Sal Mistretta, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-9224.

Honda 2" semi-trash pump, still in box, \$400; mighty estate 25bu manure spreader, never used, \$825; sprayer w/booms, 16-gal., 60 psi, \$280. Carol Thorig, Covington; (985) 893-8161.

4320 JD, w/canopy, \$7500; 8' 3 pt. box scraper, new, \$450; Ford rake, \$250; MF rake, \$250. Rick Cureington, Winnsboro; (318) 435-4443.

JD B, good sheet metal, runs, needs carburetor work, \$1200. Brett Frazier, Kentwood; (985) 514-0418.

Rhino HD 15' pasture cutter, needs minor repair, \$2300. Ronnie Fairchild, Gonzales; (225) 647-4299.

Allis Chalmers WD gas, \$2500. Alfred Meaux, Maurice; (337) 893-1944.

(2) JD 55R combines, w/12' platforms, (1) 235 corn header, all in good cond., field ready, \$1500/all. Harold Melancon, Breaux Bridge; (337) 754-5332.

JD 2010, 3 pt. hitch, p/s, 12-volt, new tires, excel. cond., w/5' bush hog, \$3200. Daniel Maxey, Calcasieu; (318) 659-3120 or (318) 308-4033.

Int. 1066, new front tires, new batteries, fresh paint, strong motor, uses no oil, \$6800; 18' roller, needs a little welding, \$800. Wayne Broussard, Sulphur; (337) 583-7376.

Ford 1300, 2 wd diesel trac., 16 hp, 730 hrs., 3 pt. hitch, 540 PTO, excel. cond., \$2900. Mark Bordelon, Moreauville; (318) 729-6418.

JD 850 diesel trac., 1500 hrs., barn kept, excel. cond., \$5800. Mack Saacks, Folsom; (985) 796-5456.

Hayforks, shop-built, will lift 4x5, 5x5 or 6x6 bales, new, \$150. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

66" Howse grater box, never used, \$400. G. S. Duke, Ventress; (225) 618-2483.

1982 Ford 1300 trac., 4x4, w/finishing mower & blade, \$5500. U. L. Bordelon, Mansura; (318) 253-5190.

1997 50 hp Mahindra trac., excel. cond., shed kept, 400 hrs., canopy, hydraulics, \$8200. Christy Dicapo, Leonville; (337) 879-2551.

504-I Vermeer baler, hydraulic tie, excel., \$6500; 660 NH baler, good auto wrap, \$8000; 138 NH tedder, \$1695; 8-wheel dolly rake, \$1500; 5 or 6 yard Reynolds dirt pan, \$6500. Mary Aswell, Choudrant; (318) 768-2997.

JD 4020D, wide front, syncro trans., w/148 JD loader, 7' bucket & hayforks, \$9950; JD 2630D, w/146 JD loader, 6' bucket, hayforks, \$11,000. Ragan Aswell, Choudrant; (318) 768-2113 or (318) 768-2997.

JD 550 G dozer, 6-way blade, power shift, 2500 hrs., \$34,950; JD 8300 grain drills, 7" spacing, \$500/1; JD 28' hay or grain elevator, PTO drive, \$1395. R. Aswell, Choudrant; (318) 768-2113 or (318) 768-2997.

JD 550G dozer, 1 owner, 1200 hrs., \$55,000; JD 310G backhoe, 500 hrs., \$36,500; track hoe, 500 hrs., \$68,000; JD 1050, 35 hp, 1 owner, 1350 actual hrs., \$6900, firm. William Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 453-5685.

2003 JD 5420 loader, 22 hrs., 68 hp, cost, \$30,000, payoff, \$27,412. T. L. Warner, Bossier City; (318) 347-6806.

Komatsu D58P1 dozer, new crank, 80% undercarriage, \$27,500; JD 450C dozer, w/backhoe attachment, excel. shape, \$18,000. Albert Lester or Mike, Shreveport; (318) 631-3222.

IH 386 8-row planter, w/row markers, new rubber tires, \$600 or trade for good heavy-duty, 3 pt. hitch, post hole digger. David Charrier, Monterey; (318) 452-3343.

ARPS backhoe, 3 pt. hookup, 10' reach, good cond., \$4600. Russell Bonnet, Scott; (337) 235-1296.

Ford 6700 trac., \$8000; shredder, \$1200. Margie Menard, Opelousas; (337) 942-2074.

MF 165 diesel trac., p/s, 52 PTO hp, hyd. remotes, runs well, \$3200; MF 35, 6 spd., gas engine, runs well, looks good, \$2900; Yanmar 24 hp, diesel trac., 8 spd., 3 PTO speeds, low hrs., \$3200. J. Guillot, Hessmer; (318) 563-4776.

Ford 555E loader backhoe, late model, low hrs., immaculate, \$19,500; Ford 3000 diesel trac., 40 PTO hp, 8 spd., \$3900; Ford 4000 diesel trac., 52 PTO hp, 8 spd., p/s, \$5600. E. J. Ryan, Marksville; (318) 240-7388.

Wanted: IH 1468 or 1568, in running cond. or not. Shaun Peck, Arnaudville; (337) 945-2700.

Wanted: 38" belly mower cutter, for JD riding lawn trac. Mack Saacks, Folsom; (985) 796-5456.

Wanted: old 532 Ford hay baler, for parts. Henry Blount, Holden; (225) 777-4376.

Wanted: old Cub Cadet tractors or implements, running or not. Dave Kauzlarich, Lacombe; (985) 882-6724.

Wanted: set of weights & bracket for JD 4430. Rick Cureington, Winnsboro; (318) 435-4443.

Wanted: Control box, in good working cond., for Long 1200 backhoe. Randy LaFleur, Alexandria; (318) 442-0151.

Wanted: 474, 484, 574 or 674 Int., does not have to run, need hydraulic parts mostly. John Lee, Independence; (985) 878-6148.

FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

1982 Chevy 1-ton, good cond., 502 big block, good body, alt., a/c, runs well, \$5000; '00 GMC 1-ton, reg. cab, 91,000 miles, good cond., \$10,500. Marshall Robinson, Jr., Minden; (318) 927-4894.

Cowboy sleeper, w/rear entry, completely enclosed, front fender would have to be removed for access to truck, \$300. Ross Mulé, Franklinton; (985) 839-4595.

1984 Mack, 14-yard dump truck, a/c, air ride cab, \$14,000. Thomas Billeaud, Maurice; (337) 319-1814.

1997 Ford F-350 pickup bed, w/head-ache rack & toolbox, \$500. Bob Shoalmire, Powhatan; (318) 352-0355.

Late model ¾-ton truck rear end, like new, 373 gear ratio, came off Chevy, complete w/brake drums & cables, \$700. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

1990 Isuzu truck, reg. cab, 4 cyl., 5 spd., body in OK cond., runs but needs work, \$600 obo; '90 Chevy 1-ton extra cab, 4 spd., 454, runs well, body in rough cond., \$2000 obo. Shane Delee, Jackson; (225) 634-5867.

1997 S-10 Chevy ext. cab, excel. cond., new tires, timing chain, good truck, new head & alternator, \$3300; '02 Sierra GMC, V8, auto, towing, extra leaf in spring, 255x70-16 tires, 40,000 miles, bed liner & rails, \$13,900. Marlin Bailey, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2865.

1997 Z-71, extended cab, excel. cond., sprayed in bed liner, toolbox, towing hitch, new a/c, good tires, \$6500 neg. Cedric Rabalais, Cottonport; (318) 964-2971.

1985 Bronco 4x4, full size, needs engine, \$200. Johnny Courville, Rayne; (337) 788-5163.

1988 Chevy S-10 truck, w/camper, 100,000 miles, \$1800; '89 G20 Chevrolet van, custom, 45,000, \$4500. Nelson Landry, New Iberia; (337) 365-4538.

1991 Chevy 1-ton, super-cab, dually, runs great, \$2500. Clyde Doyle, DeQuincy; (337) 786-7071.

8' Rawson mechanic bed, \$1500 obo. Chad Thrasher, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2947.

DT 466 Int. engine, complete, excel. shape, \$1500; 5.9 Cummins engine, 27,000 miles, \$2000. Mary Aswell, Choudrant; (318) 768-2997.

1990 Dodge, 3500 diesel, 11' bed, 5 spd., \$5000; '94 Dodge p/u, auto, \$5000; '78 Ford F-700 dump, 6 yards, \$1500. R. Aswell, Choudrant; (318) 768-2997.

1997 Chevrolet 3500, ext. cab, dually, Silverado, leather, goose-neck hookup, gas, \$9500. Drew Hall, Greenwell Springs; (225) 261-2996.

2003 Ford F-250, 4x4 quad cab, 7.3 diesel, w/enhancement chip, XLT trim, 20,000 miles, \$34,000 neg. Angie Andrews, Choudrant; (318) 768-2036 or (318) 243-2036.

2001 Dodge 3500, 4x4, 6 spd., loaded, '03 32' x 5' dual tandem flatbed, \$30,000 neg. Roy Yates, Pearl River; (985) 863-2741.

1994 Ford F-250, 5 spd., w/a/c, LWB, in mint cond., \$4200; '92 Jeep Wrangler, auto, w/a/c, CD, hard & soft tops, plenty chrome & winch, \$7000, w/o winch, \$6500. U.L. Bordelon, Mansura; (318) 253-5190.

1983 Int. truck, w/52' high range bucket, used for tree trimming, very good shape, \$10,000. Donald Normand, Marksville; (318) 253-4658.

1989 Toyota, 1 owner, 4 spd., air, single cab, \$2950. T.L. Warner, Bossier City; (318) 347-6806.

TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

6' x 24' Farm trailer, 2 7/8" pipe frame, 18" sides, heavy duty (3) house trailer axles, good hay hauling trailer, good cond., \$800. Ross Perritt, Ruston; (318) 255-7718 or (318) 245-1950.

24' Falcon gooseneck flatbed trailer, 10K axle, elec. brakes, 10' deck over neck, (2) spare tires & 4' side rails, \$5200. Ivan Edwards, Ringgold; (318) 894-9586.

(35) Cotton trailers, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, for hauling hay or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail., \$500-\$1450. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

1997 4-Star aluminum trailer, bumper pull, dressing room, collapsible tack compartment, drop down windows, \$8500. Debra Lambert, Loranger; (985) 878-2084.

1997 Fontaine, 8' x 48' spread-axle flatbed, (2) toolboxes, 22.5 wheels, trailer in great shape, \$7000. Glenn Nugent, Columbia; (318) 649-6455.

2001 Triple R gooseneck flatbed trailer, 84 ½" x 20', dovetail, ramps, 7000 lb. axles, elec. brakes, like new, \$2650. Emmett Jenkins, Bogalusa; (985) 732-3997.

20' Gooseneck brand trailer, canvas top, excel. cond., used very little, \$3900. Kent Ardoin, Iowa; (337) 588-4565.

WW horse trailer, 2-horse straight load, sleeping quarters, toilet, sink, a/c/heat, queen mattress, generator, \$6000. Timothy Duckless, Opelousas; (337) 351-5278.

1991 S & H trailer, 2-horse, bumper pull, blue, excel. cond., \$1500. G. S. Duke, Ventress; (225) 618-2483.

4' x 8' Factory made trailer, w/metal removable stock bed, 5' tall, like new, \$800, will trade for llamas. Allie Johnson, Simpson; (337) 383-7777.

1997 Sooner 4-horse slant load trailer, 4' short wall, all aluminum, excel. cond., living quarters include: insulated walls, a/c, refrigerator, cabinets & mattress, \$14,500. Kristy Francis, Folsom; (985) 796-5085.

20' Neck-over stock trailer, w/tarp, new paint & good floor, \$3000. Charles Mancil, Pitkin; (318) 359-0280.

12' x 6 ½', all steel floor trailer, elec. winch, w/tail roller & pickup boom, 15" tires, \$700. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

1991 Sundowner, all aluminum, 3-horse slant, w/camper package, 2-door gas, elec. refrigerator, microwave, hot/cold running water, cowboy shower, canopy, new a/c unit, \$18,000. Brad Vidrine, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4290.

(2) Horse-drawn passenger wagons, carry 20-25, wooden wheels, top, bench each side, lights, sound system, ideal for group, parades, etc., \$2500-\$3500. Gary Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

Gooseneck brand horse/wagon trailer, up to 3 horses in front,

w/wagon on back, elec. winch, back/side entry, cabinets & bed in nose, 24' x 6' 8", \$5000. G. Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

Sulky, w/top & small carriage basket in back, shock absorbers, \$600. E. O. Waters, Carencro; (337) 896-7124.

8' x 20' Bumper-pull, flat-bed trailer, (stamp) \$950; '69 Ford Ranchero, \$500. Harry Trichel, Campti; (318) 476-2653.

2003 32' x 8 ½' GN tandem dual, \$6000; '97 38' x 8 ½' GN, 3-axle dual, \$6000; '97 32' x 6' WW cattle trailer, w/3-axles, \$4900. Ragan Aswell, Choudrant; (318) 768-2997.

6' x 10' Hydraulic or elec. dump trailer for trac. or pickup, \$2750. William Lucky, Bossier City, (318) 453-5685.

Wanted: 16' gooseneck stock trailer, in good cond. Debra Lambert, Loranger; (985) 878-2084.

Wanted: rubber-tired buggy or small trail-ride wagon. Tony Stein, Vacherie; (225) 265-8663.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

Okra cutters, hand operated, \$90/1-up; custom-made motorized cutters, \$450/1-up, advanced deposit required. Franklin Courville, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

Round pen, constructed of fiberglass material, each panel is 5' x 12', 50' rd. pen, w/o bow gate, \$995; add panels as needed for, \$77/1. Larry Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

Fiberglass farm gates, \$73/10'; \$79/12'. Deb Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

Brand new tack, leather English chaps, \$40; wall-mount saddle rack, \$10; helmet, \$35; Australian saddle pad, \$10; calf elastrator & bands, \$10. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

Several hundred ¾" sucker rods, \$8/1, at farm; \$9, del. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

2 3/8" tubing, 75¢/ft.; 2 7/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 3 ½", 95¢/ft.; 7" casing, \$5/ft.; 8 5/8" casing, \$6/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Old head-gate, \$50. Harry Trichel, Campti; (318) 476-2653.

Stainless steel evaporator syrup pan, 8" deep, 4' wide, 10' long, 1/8" material, \$1500. Laura Mars, New Orleans; (504) 269-8279.

Horse-drawn sugar mill, total restore, \$700; power-drawn sugar mill, \$1500. Lester Fuselier, Eunice; (337) 457-4265.

Cattle feeders, 4x4, \$25; 4x6, \$150; 4x8, \$200, w/tin tops, plastic fence post, 6' x 7' long, can be used for elec. fence, \$150/1. S. W. Gourdon, Goldonna; (318) 357-0616.

(4) Turnbuckles, galv., 48", extended, \$10/1. Joseph Costanza, Hammond; (985) 345-6743.

English show helmet, blk., med., velveteen finish, good cond., \$25. Roxanne Galliano, Jefferson; (504) 734-1878.

60' Rd. pen, oilfield pipe, needs few repairs & painting, \$450. Barbara Deville, Pineville; (318) 442-0567.

Australian outback oilskin coats, long, (1) large size, worn once, (1) small size, never worn, lg., \$100; sm., \$75; Tucker Cheyenne saddle, 17" seat, only ridden a few times, excel. cond., \$800. Milton Prickett, DeRidder; (337) 463-8455.

Band sawmill, cuts logs 13' 8" long x 30" diameter, extra blades & all tools, \$5250. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

Steel structural pipe, 4" OD, \$2.5/ft.; 4 ½" & 5" OD, \$3/ft.; 30'-40' lengths. F. E. Van Hook, Arcadia; (318) 263-2307.

Heavy-duty hay tarp, 24' x 48', used one time, \$125. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

Water pump, Sears hydrglass, convertible jet pump, ½ hp, new, never hooked up, \$145; Sears captive air tank, used only few months, \$50 or \$180/both. Stephen Aumah, Jena; (318) 992-8767.

New galv. panels, w/mud boots, 40' rd. pen, \$525; 50' rd. pen, \$625; 60' rd. pen, \$775; all include 4' bow gate. Michael Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

Liquid fiberglass feed tanks, 180-gal. capacity, 2-wheels, good cond., \$100. Russell Bonnet, Scott; (337) 235-1296.

10" Rockwell metal lathe, \$1450; elec. fan foundation vents, \$75/1; box blade, \$200; sausage stuffers, \$175/1; spinning wheel, \$175. Gregory DeKeyser, New Iberia; (337) 367-0214.

3 ½ Water pump, elec. start, \$600; pull start, \$450. T.L. Warner, Bossier City; (318) 347-6806.

(2) New handmade, very decorated, 17" saddles, (1) w/oak leaf decoration, (1) has rose decoration, roping & parade saddles, (1) women's, \$600; (1) men's, \$650. Marcel Theroux, Marksville; (318) 253-9381.

Gould Jet 1" water-well pump, less than 2 yrs., 1 hp, w/new bottom jet packet filter assembly, less than 2 mos., kept in pump house, \$275. Ed Dugas, Carencro; ead9743@louisiana.edu or (337) 896-4335.

55 KW diesel generator, great cond., \$4200. Mickey Denton, Farmerville; (318) 368-0955 or (318) 368-9914.

Wood shaper, excel. cond., \$350; (4) old cypress doors, excel. cond., \$35/1; (3) plaster ceiling medallion, \$40/1. P. Reynaud, Convent; (225) 562-0255.

15, 20, 30-gal. cast-iron cracklin pots, ready to cook in, thick, very old, excel. shape, U.S. made, w/stands & lids, \$250/1-up. Donald Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-9100.

276# Anvil, at least 80 yrs., excel. cond., \$850. Doug Luke, Folsom; (985) 796-0570.

(2) Fuel tanks, off JD 105 combine, approx. 60-gal. each, free. Ed Lejeune, Iota; (337) 779-2572.

"I" Beam, 41'6" long x 14" wide, 2'7" high, \$600/2; concrete culvert, 8'x24", \$200/2; steel culvert, 13'6" x 8', \$200. Robby McGrew, West Monroe; (318) 398-9895.

Cypress lumber, 65¢/board foot. Willie LaCaze, Pitkin; (318) 358-3314.

Heavy-grade steel tanks, 8'x10', used for liquid feed, all discharge

connections, \$100; (1) 500-gal. steel tank, good shape, \$50. Tim Johnson, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7570 or (337) 363-0187.

Circle Y 16" riding saddle, excel. cond., \$550 or trade for 13" child's saddle. Barry Wilcoxon, Plaquemine; (225) 659-5833.

Heartwood comm., portable band saw, 2-way cut, 6" dbl. edged blade, 80 hp Perkins tandem axles, 500 hrs., portable diesel mill, \$29,500. Herbert M. LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

1000-gal. Mueller milk tank, w/compressor, \$1500; 3" low line, for milking unit, \$1500; 7-ton feed bin, like new, \$1500; liquid syrup tank, \$200; shade cloth call for sizes & price; (2) barn fans, \$75/1. Robert Stewart, Franklinton; (985) 848-5668.

Cummins diesel engine, 555 Triple Nickel, rebuilt, 5000 miles

on engine, excel. replacement engine, generator or irrigation pump., \$3500 or trade nego. C. M. Basco, Gorum; (318) 561-6464 or (318) 379-2241.

Show equipment, (6) dairy & beef halters, (5) hay nets, (3) feed pans, (2) show sticks, (1) hose, show box, grooming chute, all for, \$400 firm. Timothy Duckless, Opelousas; (337) 351-5278.

(24) New sheets of tin, 20' x 32", \$360. John Hidalgo, Opelousas; (337) 942-4918 or (337) 224-6513.

Handmade ranch saddle, w/large 16" swells, \$500; Circle Y show & barrel saddle, \$400; barrel saddle, \$300, saddles in like new cond. John O'Neal, Lake Charles; (337) 433-1856.

Wanted: trail-riding saddle, 17" seat. William Lambert, Loranger; (985) 878-2084.

FROM THE FARM

Wanted: old gristmill or millstones, any size. Richard Eaves, Demopolis, AL; raleaves@email.com (334) 289-8906.

Wanted: hobbyist w/a foundry furnace to make small castings, will furnish cast iron pattern. H. M. Harris, Carriere, MS; (601) 798-1457.

Wanted: old sugar kettles. Kathy, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

Wanted: old horse-drawn implements, plows, rakes, wagons, etc. & old advertisement signs. Steven, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

Cajun Canary and Finch Club's 16th annual bird mart, show and general craft fair will be Dec. 13 & 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 3314 Richland Ave., Metairie. A wide variety of exotic birds (excluding poultry), bird accessories and general crafts will be available for sale. Admission is \$2 for adults and free for children 5 and under. For more information, contact Meade Phelps at neworleans-

meade@cox.net or (504) 615-4638; Kala Corcoran at kalac@bell-south.net (504) 768-9432.

Carencro Country Christmas will be held Dec. 5 & 6 at Carencro Catholic School, 200 W. St. Peters St., in Carencro. There will be food, arts and crafts, and much more. Admission is free. For more information, contact Margaret Rozas, at ptcarencroxmas@aol.com (337) 896-6686 or (337) 896-6685.

Three to five million unwanted dogs and cats are put to death each year because negligent pet owners did not spay or neuter their animals.

Don't be part of the problem!

Be part of the solution!

Neuter or spay your dogs and cats. Call your parish or city animal control office for more information.

Ol' Man River Crab Dip

8 ounces cream cheese
1/2 cup butter
2 tbsps sliced green onions
1 tbsp fresh lemon juice

1 clove garlic, minced
Dash of vermouth
8 ounces crabmeat
Salt, to taste

Cook and stir cream cheese and butter over low heat until melted. Stir in green onions, lemon juice, garlic and vermouth. Gently fold in crabmeat. Heat through. Season to taste with salt. Transfer to chafing dish and serve with assorted crackers. Yields 2 1/2 cups.



Festive Holiday Food & Drink

Cheese Fondue

1 pound Swiss cheese (aged)
2 tbsps flour
1 clove garlic, finely minced
1 cup dry white Louisiana wine
2 tbsps Kirsch or Sherry
1 tsp nutmeg

Dash white pepper
Dippers:
1 inch cubed crusty bread
Cubed cooked ham
Cooked brussel sprouts

Cut cheese into 1/4 inch cubes (about 4 cups). Sprinkle flour on cheese and toss until coated. In earthenware fondue pot, heat garlic and wine over low heat until bubbles rise to surface (do not allow wine to boil). Add cheese mixture, 1/2 cup at a time, stirring after each addition until cheese is melted and blended. Stir in Kirsch and seasonings. Transfer pot to source of heat at table. Adjust heat to keep fondue just bubbling. Spear dippers and swirl in fondue with a figure-eight motion. Stir fondue occasionally.

Fruit Punch

2 pints cranberry juice
1 quart apple juice
1 (6 ounce) can frozen lemonade, thawed
1 (6 ounce) can frozen orange juice, thawed
1 (6 ounce) can frozen pineapple juice, thawed
2 (29 ounce) bottles ginger ale or carbonated water

Mix and serve with ice, garnish with fresh orange slices.

Christmas Thumbprint Cookies

3/4 cup sugar
1 tsp salt
3/4 cup butter
2 eggs, separated
1 tsp vanilla
2 cups flour
2 egg whites, beaten
1 1/2 cups finely chopped pecans
1/2 cup mayhaw jelly

In a large bowl, combine first 5 ingredients on medium speed of mixer about 1 minute. Gradually add flour and blend at low speed until well mixed. Roll dough into 1 inch balls. Dip dough balls into egg whites then pecans. Place on greased cookie sheet 2 inches apart. Make a deep impression in center of each cookie with fingertip. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Immediately remove cookies from sheet. While still warm, fill centers with jelly. Allow jelly to set before storing cookies. Yields 3-4 dozen.

Christmas Champagne Punch

2 1/2 cans pineapple chunks (in natural juices)
2 (8 ounce) jars cherries, drained (1 red and 1 green)
1 bottle sweet Louisiana wine
1 bottle dry Louisiana wine
1 bottle champagne
1 (2 liter) 7-Up

Combine pineapple chunks with juices and the drained cherries. Add sweet and dry wines. Cover tightly and let stand 3-4 hours in refrigerator. Just before serving, add champagne, and 7-Up.

Louisiana Christmas tree farms



Acadia
Branch Christmas Tree Farm
337-334-5706
Hwy. 365, .7 mi W Hwy 35

Allen
Grant Christmas Tree Farm & Syrup Mill
318-634-3408
716 Whittaker Rd., midway between DeRidder & Oberlin on Hwy. 377

Avoyelles
Smith’s Christmas Tree Farm
318-346-4480 or 318-346-2898
6781 Hwy. 115, Bunkie, 1.4 mi N Hwy 29

Beauregard
Clayton Iles Trees
337-328-7362
Hwy 394, 1 mi W Dry Creek

Caddo
Adams Tree Farm
318-686-4770
6391 Buncombe Rd., .7 mi off Pines Rd.

Riall Christmas Tree Farm
318-929-2065
Hwy. 538, 3 mi N of Northwood High School

Shaw Christmas Tree Farm
318-284-3584
Hwy 71, 1 mi N Ida

Weaver’s Tree Farm
318-635-1042
1-20W, N @ Pines Rd. exit, L @ Jefferson Paige Rd. R @ Jolly Naiper Rd.

Cameron
Hebert’s Christmas Tree Farm
337-762-4732
A.J. Lane, W of Hackberry

Catahoula
Fletcher & Sons Tree Farm
318-389-5894
FM 921, 3 Mi S Hwy 15, between Clayton & Sicily Island

Claiborne
Puckett’s Christmas Tree Farm
318-343-1545
Hwy 2, 5 mi W Bernice, follow signs from downtown Bernice

Concordia
Marie’s Trees
318-757-4911
North of Ferriday on Hwy 15, W on Kentucky Ave., 2 mi on Doty Rd.

DeSoto
Santa’s Woods
318-797-4749
I-49 S to exit 191 Stonewall, E 4 mi on L

East Baton Rouge
Christmas Forest
225-654-3247
Hwy 964, 4 miles north of Zachary

Deerland Tree Farm
225-654-4885
Hwy 64, E of Hwy 64 & 67

Kringlewood Christmas Tree Farm
225-658-4999
9050 Hwy 64, 1 1/4 miles east of Plank Road, Zachary

East Feliciana
Country Pride Tree Farm
225-654-0854
Hwy 409, 2 mi N Pride

Windy Hills Farm
225-683-6828
Hwy 19 N, R on 963, 2 mi on R

Iberia
Kris Kringle Tree Farm, Inc.
337-276-9694
2709 Kris Kringle Rd., PR 805 from Hwy. 668; S off Hwy 90

Lafayette
Lisa’s Christmas Tree Farm
337-856-5634
W Hwy 92, L on Marteau Rd.

Lincoln
Beaver’s Christmas Tree Farm
318-247-8238
I-20, 4 mi W of Ruston to Industry exit, N on La. Hwy 563, 5 mi, farm on R

Evergreen Farms
318-251-2669
Hwy 80, ½ mile W of Barnett Springs Road

Hollis Christmas Tree Farm

318-255-0875
Parish Rd. 106/ Hwy 544

Livingston
Crowder Family Tree Farm
225-665-8726
Exit I-12, S Denham Springs, L @ 4-way stop, L @ school, 2 mi on R

King’s Christmas Tree Farm
225-567-9670
James King Rd., 1 mi W of Albany/Springfield Rd., S of I-12 Exit 32

Ouachita
Cherry Hill Tree Farm
318-396-2495
off Hwy 15, N of I-20 exit 108, follow signs

Okaloosa Christmas Tree Farm
318-249-4377
12 mi W of W Monroe Hwy 34, 1

mi S on Okaloosa Rd., W on Cromwell Rd.

Pepper Christmas Tree Farm
318-387-5172
From W Monroe, 9 mi S Hwy 34, L on Hwy 557, 2.5 mi to farm

Precious Memories Christmas Tree Farm
318-396-5113
2 mi N I-20 exit 108 Hwy 15, left 3 mi, R on Glen Acres Rd.

Rapides
A & N Christmas Forest
318-563-4011 (Night) or 318-447-1228 (Day)
From Alexandria, Hwy 1 S 18 mi to Echo, turn R at Cheneyville Echo Rd or Sandy Lane Rd, ½ mi to stop sign, turn L, 2nd house on right

Milton’s Christmas Tree Farm
318-442-0026
Poland Community, 10 mi SE of Alexandria, off Hwy 1 on Hwy 457

Peachy Pines
318-443-3036
Hwy 107, S Pineville

Richland
Curry’s Christmas Tree Farm
318-728-6203
Hwy 133, 2 mi S I-20, 1 mi E on Robinson Dr., follow signs

Sabine
L & L Christmas Trees
318-645-6988
157 Main Street

St. Landry
Miller’s Christmas Tree Farm
337-942-9566
Hwy 31, 2 mi E Opelousas

St. Tammany
Cowart Christmas Tree Farm
985-886-3142
Cowart Rd., 1 mi from Hwy 41, S of Bush

Shady Pond Tree Farm
985-863-5569
On Pine Street, off La. 41, near Pearl River, follow signs

Santa’s Tree Town
985-892-8340
Hemphill Rd., S Hwy 1083

Tiger Branch Christmas Trees
504-834-7786
6 mi N of Covington on Hwy 25, turn R at Million Dollar Rd., follow signs

Porter’s Christmas Tree Farm
985-641-4321
Hwy 1090 (Military Road) & Brownswitch Road, NE of Slidell

Country Pines
985-893-2036
Jim Sharp Rd., E Hwy 437

Treeland of Slidell
985-641-0249
Northshore Square Mall Shopping Center Hwy 190 W & Northshore Blvd. or Exit 80 I-12 (Airport Road-Northshore Blvd.)

Tensas
Barfield Tree Farm
318-467-5532
Hwy 4, 3.5 mi W Hwy 65

Union
Hurricane Creek Christmas Tree Farm
318-982-5216
Between W Monroe & Farmerville, off Hwy 15 on Hwy 552 in Point-Wilhite Community

Vermilion
Vincent’s Christmas Tree Farm
337-643-6380
NE of Kaplan on Hwy 700, 2 mi N Hwy 35

Vernon
Sander’s Christmas Tree Farm
337-565-3152
Hwy 171 & Westbrook Rd., ½ mi S Hornbeck

Washington
Kennedy’s Christmas Tree Farm
985-848-2782
Hwy 438, 1 mile west of Hwy 62, follow signs near Pine High School

Webster
Hollis Tree Farm
318-371-0530
From Minden, 2 mi US 79, L Miller Rd, go 3 mi

Christmas tree care tips

- ◆Before leaving your house to purchase a tree, decide where it will go and how large it should be. Stick with your original decisions once you reach the farm.
- ◆If certain sides of the tree will be up against a wall or in a corner, you can select a tree that is not uniform in shape and still have a beautiful tree showing.
- ◆Once you have selected the right size and shape, check the freshness of the tree, if purchased on a tree lot, by grabbing a branch between your thumb and forefinger and pulling it toward you. If the tree is fresh, few needles will come off in your hand.
- When you shake or move the tree, you should not see an excessive amount of needles fall to the ground. It is normal for some brown needles inside the trees branches to fall, which will continue during the life of the tree.
- ◆At home, keep the tree in water in a sheltered, cool place until you are ready to decorate and display it. Be sure to keep the tree protected from wind and sun.
- ◆Before you display your tree, make a new, straight cut across the base of the trunk approximately ½ inch above the original cut. Place the tree in a stand that will hold a gallon of water or more.
- ◆Always keep the tree stand filled with water. Dried sap will form a seal over the cut stump within several hours if the water level falls below the base of the tree. If this occurs, make another fresh cut in the butt-end and promptly fill the stand with water. Use hot tap water, which will soften sap and facilitate absorption.
- ◆A tree will absorb as much as a gallon of water or more in the 24 hours after it is cut, and one or more quarts every day after.
- ◆Mist the branches and foliage with water daily to keep them moist and fresh. Allow enough time to dry before using lights.
- ◆Make sure your tree is well supported and away from sources of heat such as vents (close them), fireplaces, radiators and television sets. Lighted candles or other open flames should never be used on or around real Christmas trees.
- ◆Test light cords and connections before putting them on the tree. Do not use worn or frayed wires and electric cords, or broken and empty sockets. Use a multiple strip outlet with surge protection.
- ◆Do not let wrapping paper and electric toys accumulate under the tree.
- ◆Always unplug electric lights when you leave the house or before you go to bed.
- Consider recycling your tree after Christmas or turn it into a bird feeder with suet, peanut butter and seeds. Be sure to remove the tree stand, plastic and all ornaments to qualify the tree for recycling.

Coming Your Way

Beef, dairy show

The University of Louisiana Cajun Classic Beef and Dairy Show will be held Nov. 28-30 at Blackham Coliseum in Lafayette.

The event is open to all 4-H and FFA members who show beef or dairy animals and the cost is \$15 per animal. The entry fee for showmanship is \$5. Cattle may begin arriving at 3 p.m. Friday.

Camping spaces are available, and the show is open to the public free of charge.

For more information, contact Cindy Gallet at (337) 856-4307, fivegpinz@aol.com or Erin Cooper at (337) 981-9724, samerin@bell-south.net.

Beekeeper Conv.

The 42nd Annual Louisiana Beekeepers Association Convention will be held Dec. 5-6 at the Best Western Richmond Suites in Baton Rouge.

Topics to be covered include beekeeping basics, honeybee research and parasitic mite management.

A \$10 registration fee is required.

For more information, contact Billy Hummer at (318) 742-3541 or Jimmy Dunkley at (225) 952-8100.

Dec. open house

Laurel Valley Village will host its annual Christmas open house from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Laurel Valley Village Store, two miles south of Thibodaux on La. Highway 308.

The open house benefits the largest surviving American sugarcane plantation complex.

Christmas crafts, eggnog and cookies will be available. Cajun Santa Claus will also make an appearance from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Participants and visitors are encouraged to dress in early Cajun costumes as part of the celebration.

For more information, contact Ruth Gray at (985) 447-9351.

Wild horse, burro adoption in Dec.

The Acadia Rice Arena in Crowley is hosting a wild horse and burro adoption from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Dec. 13 and from 8 a.m. until noon Dec. 14.

Animals up for adoption will be available for viewing all day Dec. 12.

The rice arena is located at 159 Cherokee Dr.

For more information, call 1-888-274-2133 or (601) 977-5400.

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In January, when the department store gift exchange lines are empty and all of the ornaments are packed away, Lloyd goes back to work planting his future Christmas trees. He generally uses a stake to prop up his tiny seedlings with their rudimentary root systems to keep the prevailing winds from knocking them over. He pointed out that nobody wants to buy a Christmas tree that is not straight.

He plants Leyland cypress, spruce pines, Virginia pines, silver smokes, Carolina sapphires and some loblollies.

Of course no tree is ideal. "The Leylands don't like to have their feet wet and they have a simple root system. The Carolina has a nice scent and better roots," Lloyd said. "I pretty much stopped planting pines, but some people want the pines. They make a pretty tree, but if there's a dry fall they don't do well."

When March makes its appearance and the temperatures crawl into the 70s and 80s, weed control becomes an issue. Pesticide and fungicide applications are made to control needle disease and the never-ending process of shaping and trimming trees continues. All of these steps are necessary for good tree production and sales.

Lloyd and his wife, Lena, do all of the planting, cultivation and trimming. "You make money, but I've never been able to get rich," Lloyd said. "If I had to hire labor, I'd go in the hole."

The Vincents also learned how to start their own seedlings, but Lloyd admitted that he doesn't have a green thumb with the baby plants and last year bought \$4,000 worth of seedlings from dealers in Forest Hill.

"I need a mulching bed, but I'm too old to make one," Lloyd laughed.

There aren't many Christmas tree growers in south Louisiana left, a trend that is repeating itself across the state. "About 10 years ago there were 10 dealers in southwest Louisiana. I was the first one to start around here and I'm the only one left," Lloyd said. "It's just a lot of work for not a lot of money."

At 74, Lloyd has thought about retirement but dismisses it.

"My wife asks why I don't retire, but if you stop you die. You don't exercise, you sit in the house and that's it," the old tree farmer said. Referring to his body as an integral piece of equipment in the tree growing process, he said, "The tool gets tired, but he stays at it."



Lloyd Vincent holds a clipping from a tree that is used to start a new seedling (left). Vincent prefers to use a modified weed trimmer to shape a Leyland cypress into the classic Christmas tree form (below left). By mid-October, many of the Vincent's trees have been priced for customers who have pre-selected their choices.



Dumas Candy Co., continued from page 1



Dumas Candy Company markets 23 different flavors of sugar candy sticks ranging from butterscotch to pina colada to watermelon. A retail shop at the candy factory in Delhi offers consumers a chance to purchase directly from the company.

The peppermint candy making process is fairly simple.

A 100-pound bag of Louisiana cane sugar is cooked to 319 degrees along with two and a half gallons of water, two tablespoons of cream of tartar and a surprisingly tiny amount of spirit of peppermint for flavor. The sweet sticky stuff is poured onto a cooling table and allowed to partially thicken. A portion of the cooked sugar is set aside and red food coloring is added which will later become the familiar peppermint stripes. When it

reaches a certain consistency, both batches of candy are put on pulling machines that knead the mix. Before the giant white candy stick is put on the batch roller, the red stripes are quickly stuck on the outer surface. The workers must use leather gloves moistened with vegetable oil to handle the hot 180-degree candy. The batch roller funnels the candy down into a one-inch diameter size. Then it is fed into the stick maker, which molds and cuts the candy to the desired diameter and length. The stick maker in turn

drops the red and white sticks onto the air-cooled conveyor, which rolls the candy to a worker who places the sweets into trays to await bagging and shipping.

Today, Dumas Candy Company sells two different types of products: hard stick candy and soft sugar candy. The difference between the hard candy and the sugar candy is that the sugar candy uses no corn syrup in the formula.

"The pure sugar candy is something that I started myself," Johnson said. "It's the soft kind of candy you can bite through. I knew that we sold a lot of sugar candy at Malone and Hyde and I wanted to learn how to do it. I just got books and studied and by trial and error, we've come up with a formula. It's proven to be fairly successful."

In addition to peppermint, Dumas also makes 23 other flavored candy sticks ranging from watermelon to pina colada. His candy is marketed under the Scotty's, Dumas, Dixie's Best and Deep South labels. He also does private labeling for some of his larger customers.

Johnson said the peppermint candy business begins to pick up steam in early fall. They usually operate on a four-day, 40-hour workweek schedule from January through August, but expand it to 50 hours when the holiday shipping season begins.

"We'll start shipping twice as much in September all the way

through December," he said. "We make candy for the shipping season year-round, but just as soon as we get through with shipping our Christmas orders, we'll start making candy again. Some of that candy will be sold off during the year, but some of it will be saved until the next busy season."

In June, Johnson moved his company to a new industrial park facility north of Delhi. The larger space will allow him to add two more production lines to increase capacity.

"Right now I've got a lot of business in the southern states, California and Virginia, but I have nothing at all up in the Northwest," he said. "Until I can add some more capacity, I can't try to get out there and get that."

Johnson said he has no plans for retirement.

"I enjoy what I do," he said. "My wife says I'm married to my job and I guess I am. I really have no intention of ever retiring. When I die I am going to be working on one of these old machines when I pass."

"I've not made a lot of money, but I really enjoy it. I really have."

For a listing of other Louisiana candy and cookie companies, visit our Web site at www.ldaf.state.la.us



Visit your local farmers market

BIENVILLE PARISH

Gibsland
Gibsland Farmers Market Assoc.
Main Street
Wed. & Sat. 8 a.m. until sold out
June - Aug. 30

CADDO PARISH

Shreveport
Festival Plaza Farmers Market
river front at Festival Plaza
Wed. & Sat. 6:30 - 11 a.m.
May 31-July 30
Wed. only Aug. 1-31

CALCASIEU PARISH

Lake Charles
Lake Charles Farmers Market
317 Pine Street
Sat. 7:30 a.m. - noon
Jan. - Dec.

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

Baton Rouge
Red Stick Farmers Market #1
On Fifth St. near Main & Galvez
Parking Garage
Sat. 7 - 11 a.m. May - Sept.
Sat. 8 a.m. - noon Oct. - April
Red Stick Farmers Market #2
8470 Goodwood Blvd.
Unitarian Church Parking Lot
Tues. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
May - July, Sept. - Dec.

IBERIA PARISH

New Iberia
Teche Area Farmers Market
Iberia St. & Main St. at Bouligny
Plaza
Tues. 5 - 8 p.m. until Oct. 27
after Oct. 27, 4 - 7 p.m.
Sat. 8 - 11 a.m. mid May - Dec.
LAFAYETTE PARISH
Lafayette
Acadiana Farmers Market
801 Foreman Dr. & Dulles St.
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
5 - 10 a.m. Jan. - Dec.

LAFOURCHE PARISH

Thibodaux
Thibodaux Main Street Market
La. Hwy. 1 & Maronge St.
Sat. 7 - 11 a.m.
May - Nov.

MADISON PARISH

Tallulah
Tallulah Farmers Market
408 N. Cedar St., Hwy. 165
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
8 a.m. - noon
June - Nov.

MOREHOUSE PARISH

Bastrop
Morehouse Farmers Market
305 East Madison St.
Mon. - Sat. 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
June - Dec.

NATCHITOCHES PARISH

Natchitoches
Cane River Green Market
Cane River Bank - downtown
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
April - Nov.

ORLEANS PARISH

New Orleans
Crescent City Farmers Market
Locations: #1 - 700 Magazine St.
Saturday 8 a.m. - noon
Jan. - Dec.
#2 - Uptown Square, 200
Broadway
Tues. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.
#3 - American Can Co., 3700
Orleans Ave.
Thurs. 3 - 7 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.

OUACHITA PARISH

Monroe
Monroe Farmers Market
1212 Washington St.
Mon. - Sat. 5 a.m. - 1 p.m.
June - Oct.

West Monroe

West Monroe Farmers Market
1700 North 7th St.
Mon. - Sat. 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

ST. CHARLES PARISH

Destrehan
German Coast Farmers Market
13786 River Rd., Ormond
Plantation
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Jan. - Dec.

ST. LANDRY PARISH

Opelousas
St. Landry Farmers Market
952 East Landry St.,
Hwy. 90
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
6 a.m. - 11 a.m.
mid May - Nov.

ST. MARTIN PARISH

St. Martinville
St. Martinville Creole Farmers
Market
Evangeline Blvd. & Main St.
Sat. 8 - 11:30 a.m.
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ST. TAMMANY PARISH

Covington
Covington Farmers Market
City Hall, 609 North Columbia
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Wed. noon - 4 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.

Mandeville

Mandeville Trailhead
Community Market
675 Lafitte St.
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TANGIPAHOA PARISH

Hammond
Cate Square Farmers Market
Charles St. & Oak St.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.

TERREBONNE PARISH

Houma
Cajun Farmers Market of Houma
- Terrebonne
Tunnel Blvd. & Naquin St.
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6 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.

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St. Francisville Farmers Market
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Way down south near Kaplan on the chenier of the Gulf of Mexico's coastal plain and far removed from any threat of a White Christmas sits Vincent's Christmas Tree and Fruit Farm.

Satsuma trees, heavily laden with citrus, stand side by side with Lena and Lloyd Vincent's 2003 crop of Leyland cypress, spruce pine and Carolina sapphire Christmas trees. As if to further taunt Jack Frost, a grove of banana trees that's actually producing a few stalks of bananas stand proudly near the Vincent's brick home.

Choose-and-cut Christmas trees have become more popular in recent years and on the surface it would appear that growing commercial Christmas trees in south Louisiana, with its balmy climate, sunshine and easily accessible flat land, is a can't-miss proposition, but that's not necessarily true.

"It's almost too far south," Lloyd said. "There's no slope to the ground and there's too much moisture in the earth."

Of course, Tropical Storm Isidore and Hurricane Lili, which passed directly through Vermilion Parish, unceremoniously dumped buckets of rain onto Vincent's seven-acre farm in 2002. Trees that weren't drowned were blown over by the gale-force winds and Lloyd lost more than 3,500 trees. Many of his Leyland cypress trees couldn't tolerate the excess water and were very susceptible to blow-over because they only have a single root when they are first planted. He hopes his new planting of Carolina sapphire trees will be able to tolerate the maritime breezes that roll in from the Gulf.

"I had 5,000 trees in the ground when Lili came through," Lloyd said. "I would have had 2,000 trees ready to harvest for this Christmas season. Now I only have about 800 to sell." But having 800 trees to harvest is more than other Louisiana tree farms located south of Interstate 10. A. J. Hebert's Christmas Tree Farm in Hackberry way down in Cameron Parish and Iberia Parish's Kris Kringle Tree Farm along the Bayou Teche both had substantial losses. Because of the unfavorable weather conditions, the Kris Kringle Tree

Despite easily accessible flat land, balmy temperatures and plenty of sunshine, Christmas tree farming in coastal Louisiana comes with its own set of unique problems – hurricane force winds, summer drought and occasional torrential downpours are just a few. The Vincents of Kaplan are one Louisiana couple making a go of it in good times and bad. They say they're doing it for the sake of their customers.

Farm will have approximately 250 trees for the cutting market and Hebert only 10. Admittedly, Hebert's farm is a small operation, but he usually has about 250 trees to harvest. The Kris Kringle Tree Farm, owned by George Moresi, usually markets more than a thousand trees.

"It's been a rough two years," Moresi said. "But I have to open to keep my customers. Besides I have the Santa Claus amusements for the kids."

Moresi said the bulk of his trees would be the taller ones in the 12 to 14 foot range.

Like Moresi and Hebert, the Vincents are no strangers to adversity and have learned a lot in their 23 years of tree farming.

"I was born in a rice and cotton field," Lloyd said. "My daddy used to sharecrop, but when you got your two-fifths and paid your expenses, you were right back at the company store to borrow again."

When he came of age, Lloyd joined the army and served two years and 15 days in Korea. Finished with the service, Lloyd said his father asked him to go into the family farming business. He politely declined.

He decided to go into construction and contracting, and as he neared retirement

age he fell under the spell of an article he read in Progressive Farmer about Christmas tree farming.

"I read that they were growing Christmas trees in Orange, Texas," Lloyd recounted. "We didn't know anything about growing them. We thought we'd just put them in the ground. When they got a little big someone from the Department of Agriculture told me it was time to shear the tree. Shear the trees? We got an education in a hurry and I'm still learning."

Vincent's Christmas Tree and Fruit Farm is only open to the public from Thanksgiving to Christmas, but like most agricultural operations, the work is year round. In autumn Lloyd is getting his fields ready for the next year's planting by removing stumps and fertilizing as needed.

By October the final shearing of the trees to get the ultimate conical Christmas tree shape is done. Lloyd uses a modified weed trimmer with a nasty looking rotating blade to mold the trees. Although he has other types of shearing equipment, the weed trimmer is easier on his back. Lena pilots the tractor through the rows

as Lloyd walks alongside applying pesticides and fungicides as needed. She grooms the bottom of the evergreens, which allows the customer to easily slide the tree into its stand and also prices the trees in late October and November. Their average price is \$37.

"We already have had customers come out to choose and tag their trees," Lena said. "They're mostly folks who come here every

year to cut their trees."

When the busy Christmas season finally arrives, Lloyd gets his five children and 16 grandchildren to work on the frantic week-ends. "With just family it helps with the liability." The Vincents also sell a few tree stands and take advantage of the holiday rush to market their homegrown satsumas.

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Lena and Lloyd Vincent have been growing Christmas trees in coastal Vermilion Parish for more than 23 years (top left). The discolored tree to the right is in the process of dying after being partially uprooted by hurricane winds and over saturated with rain by tropical storms in 2002.

For a list of Louisiana Christmas tree farms, see page 9.